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TWELVE PAGES — TWO RIYALS

*With prospects bleak*

## Irish economic woes dominate poll drive

DUBLIN, Feb. 14 (R) — The Irish Republic's two million voters go to the polls this week knowing they face a grim economic future which ever party they choose in a general election. Government and opposition alike promise only austerity and belt-tightening to pull the country out of its economic plight, described by outgoing Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald as a "nightmare."

Unemployment stands at 12 percent of the work force and inflation at more than 20 percent. The country is on the brink of bankruptcy because of high foreign borrowing and investment which has made Ireland prosperous but only at the cost of massive debts serviced at high interest rates.

Dr. Fitzgerald called Thursday's election after parliament last month rejected his grim 1982 budget. He goes to the country with the same unpleasant message that sweeping tax increases are the only remedy for spiralling government debt.

Opposition leader and former Prime Minister Charles Haughey is offering an alternative budget which is slightly less tough

but still aims at pushing up taxes to allow a cut in borrowing.

Opinion poll put Haughey's Fianna Fail (warriors of destiny) party level with the ruling coalition but his personal popularity lags far behind that of Dr. Fitzgerald, an economist with a reputation of losing his audiences in a maze of figures.

The two will face each other on television on Tuesday in the first pre-election confrontation of this kind in the country's history. Political commentators say a strong performance from either could affect the election result.

The outgoing Dail (lower house) balance with Dr. Fitzgerald's centrist Fine Gael (land of Ireland) holding 65 seats and its labor partners 25 to Fianna Fail's 77.

Only the support of a handful of independents kept the coalition in power for seven months. They switched sides when Dr. Fitzgerald unveiled his plans to raise taxes across the board, cut food subsidies and impose a new levy on clothes.

## Zia calls for speedy growth

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 14 (Agencies) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia-Ul-Haq Sunday called on Islamic countries to pool their resources, including oil revenues, for industrial development.

Opening a four-day meeting of industry ministers of the 40-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), he said member states should speed up investment of surplus revenue within the Islamic community. Gen. Zia called for economic cooperation to accelerate development and promote unity. He urged the states to develop agriculture as an industry, acquire modern technology and use oil revenues to set up industries which would support their economies once the oil wells ran dry. Islamic countries, which occupy a total land area of about a fifth of the world, have a population close to one billion, and possess nearly a third of the world's revenues, could become self-reliant centers of growth, Gen. Zia said.

"The time is not far off when the oil-importing countries will discover alternative sources of energy," President Zia added, "or, after continuous drilling, the oil wells them-

selves will become dry." He accused technologically advanced countries of being "unwilling" to share their know-how with the developing countries. "They prefer to purchase raw materials from the developing countries and sell the finished products back to them," Gen. Zia complained. "In my view, this economic order... cannot last for long."

The Islamic countries were obliged to make scientific and technological progress, and the developed countries had to "give way to the establishment of a just and new economic order," he concluded.

The conference will review the investment potential of member states and discuss possibilities of joint ventures.

The Islamabad conference was decided at the third Islamic summit in Taif last year, within the framework of a recommendation aimed at increasing economic cooperation between OIC countries.

Saudi Arabian Deputy Industry Minister Fuad Al Farsi said Islamic countries had "high expectations" in the conference and hoped it would succeed in delineating the procedures for foreign cooperation among them in a constructive manner."

## Emergency talks of OPEC denied

MANAMA, Feb. 14 (AP) — The current president of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries revived Sunday the possibility of convening an emergency OPEC ministerial meeting to study Iran's undercutting of the cartel's benchmark prices. The United Arab Emirates news agency reported.

But the OPEC president, Mana Saeed Uteiba of the U.A.E., denied in a statement distributed by the official news agency WAM that he has called for a meeting of OPEC ministers and representatives of oil majors to "examine current conditions in the oil markets."

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani last week said he believed it was unlikely an emergency OPEC conference would be called "at the present time."

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## 'Council to succeed Khomeini' Iran readies new setup

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (AFP) — A council of three to five members will succeed Ayatollah Khomeini and a group of "experts" has been designated to select the council members, Iranian President Sayed Ali Khamenei has told the *Newswise* magazine.

In an interview published here, Khamenei said the Iranian authorities were preparing for the eventual succession to Khomeini's regime. The 82-year-old leader's health is said to be deteriorating and he suddenly canceled all his appointments without explanation Sunday.

Admitting that the society envisaged by Ayatollah Khomeini and his followers did not yet exist, Khamenei said that Iran had

for the most part freed itself from the state of dependence in which its "enemies, particularly the Americans, had maintained it."

Khamenei also said that his country's economic difficulties were the result of the Iranian-Iraqi war, and concluded that Iran would win the war "very soon." He said most of the country's weaponry is British—or American-made, but that the war had brought a pressing need to update and replace it. The only Soviet-made pieces in the Iranian arsenal are about 60 BM-21 multiple rocket launchers and about 1,800 anti-aircraft guns, he added.

Khamenei also said Iran will never accept the presence of Soviet military advisers but he foresaw the purchase of Soviet weapons.

## After disclosure of plot

## Tension mounts in Portugal

LISBON, Feb. 14 (R) — Political tension was running high in Portugal Sunday with Communists accusing the right-wing government of creating a climate of hysteria after it linked the pro-Soviet Communist Party with a plot to subvert democracy.

In a television broadcast Saturday night, Interior Minister Angelo Correia said the government had foiled an attempt to overthrow democracy after a series of "subversive actions" during the Communist-led one-day strike on Friday.

But the country was quiet Sunday and newspapers gave little space to the coup allegations, leading some political observers to believe the government was using its discovery of a carload of arms and alleged coup plans as political capital to discredit the Communists.

A government statement Saturday said security forces found "concrete plans to subvert democratic institutions" when they arrested a small group of armed men in Lisbon on Friday night.

In its leader column the Communist daily *O Diário* said the government had done its utmost to create an atmosphere of violence and insecurity in the country.

Critics said the government statements alleging a coup plot were "following yet another path in the attempt to create a climate of fear and alarm."

Throughout the build up to the stoppage, billed by the Communist-backed CGTP-In union as Portugal's first general strike, the government had pursued a vigorous campaign to discredit the Communists, warning of the threat they posed to democracy.

It had also hinted that it planned further cuts in the number of Soviet representatives in Lisbon, following the expulsion of two diplomats last month as a sign of its displeasure over events in Poland.

## It's windfall for Tokyo's shoppers

TOKYO, Feb. 14 (AP) — A woman scattered about 2 million yen (\$8,695) in cash before more than 100 shoppers at a small Tokyo department store Sunday, saying "If you want money, you can have it," police said.

A guard and shoppers on the fifth floor collected the money and handed it back to the woman, saying "Please don't do this here."

Police said.

But that didn't stop her.

She then ran down to the second floor and started flinging more bills and coins before the startled shoppers.

Police said the woman, about 40, ran out of the store before they reached the scene. They said they did not know what motivated the woman in her Valentine's Day act.

## Fahd arrives in Jeddah

JEDDAH, Feb. 14 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd arrived here from Riyadh Sunday evening accompanied by Prince Salman, the governor of Riyadh.

The crown prince was seen off at Riyadh airport by Prince Sattam, deputy governor of Riyadh; members of the Royal family, cabinet ministers and top civil and military officials.

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The sources said the Syrian government has decided to send fresh reinforcements to the area.

Meanwhile, the Syrian authorities Sunday reopened the main road to Hama and Aleppo.

After the ending of the 10-day siege government forces in Hama were Sunday engaged in "reorganizational work," an official spokesman said. This was believed to mean the troops were working to erase traces of the fierce fighting last week involving several thousand soldiers backed by tanks and artillery.

## Military balance tilt alarms Israel

coalition have asked for a debate on the possibility of U.S. arms sales to Jordan.

Eliyahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the influential Knesset foreign affairs and security committee, said the U.S. had gone back on promises made to Israel.

He said on Israeli radio that Jordan was invited by the U.S., Israel and Egypt to take part in the Camp David peace process but refused. "Now the U.S. is apparently going to reward those who reject peace. We can draw a political conclusion when we see what happens to those who place obstacles on the road to peace," he added.

Israeli leaders have claimed the deployment of F-16 aircraft and Hawk anti-aircraft missiles in Jordan could severely threaten Israel's security.

But officials have not so far suggested how Israel could block any deal. Fresh in their minds is the bruising battle last year — which Israel lost — when intensive lobbying by the administration secured an \$8.5 billion arms package for Saudi Arabia, including five AWACS advanced radar planes.

Relations between Israel and the U.S. reached a new low last December after Israel announced the annexation of the Golan Heights, captured from Syria during the 1967 Middle East war.

Washington suspended an agreement on strategic cooperation in retaliation for the move and Begin accused the U.S., his country's closest ally, of treating Israel like a banana republic.

Ties between the two countries have been strained by Israeli actions over the past year such as the bombing of an Iraqi nuclear reactor and an air raid on PLO headquarters in Beirut which killed hundreds of civilians.

## Syria rushing reinforcements

## Fighting flares up in Hama

No casualty figures for the fighting have been given by the government.

After the end of the siege of Hama, the authorities said they had arrested several "wanted criminals" and seized huge quantities of arms and ammunition including 500 light machine guns, 40 mortars and radio receivers.

The clashes were more or less limited to Hama. The situation was claimed as "generally normal" in the other cities of Latakia, Aleppo and Homs.

The official Syrian news agency Sana quoted Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam Saturday night as saying the action by the authorities was over. Khaddam, in Tunis for the Arab foreign ministers meeting, was asked whether any measures had been taken to prevent the recurrence of the "events" in Syria.

Sana quoted him as replying: "There are no events in Syria. It is only a security and party action in search of hideouts and arms. This has in fact taken place and it is now over."

The U.S. State Department has said there had been serious disturbances in Hama. Syria denied this and said all that was happening was a drive by the authorities against the Muslim Brotherhood.

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## 2,207 villas planned in Riyadh, Buraidah

# SR2.19 b housing accords signed

RIYADH, Feb. 14 (SPA) — Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb signed Sunday two contracts for major housing plans in Riyadh and Buraidah at a cost of more than SR2.19 billion.

The Riyadh project, called East Riyadh Housing Scheme, costs SR1.35 billion. It comprises 1,258 villas and was awarded to a Korean company. The contract provides for securing public services, including asphalting, water, sewage and other facilities, for 1,956 land plots. A contract for supervising its implementation was awarded to a Greek company.

In Eastern Province

## Sewage, water contracts let

DAMMAM, Feb. 14 (SPA) — A SR49.13 million project was commissioned Saturday night by the board of the Eastern Province Water and Sewage Department which met under Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi, also the board's chairman.

The project calls for laying down 24,000 meters of sewage pipes, in addition to house connections and inspection rooms, according to Abdullah Al-Babtain, the department's director general. Another SR4,002,050 project for substituting 17,970 meters of water pipes in Mahassen and Qadsiah districts was also awarded to a specialized national firm. The project will serve 2,717 housing units and 74 public utility and civil defense units.

Another decision adopted Saturday was that a final study will be prepared on the first phase of a project regarding the flow of water

**British trade team due**

JEDDAH, Feb. 14 — Representatives of 11 British companies will visit Saudi Arabia from Feb. 20 to March 4 as members of a trade mission organized by the North of England Development Council, according to a British embassy statement Sunday. The companies represented offer a wide range of goods and services including structural steel, steelwork for port construction projects, lifting equipment, steel access products insulation, vinyl floorcoverings, street lighting, internal lighting, adhesives and paint, printing chemicals and materials and diving services.

The mission will be in Jeddah Feb. 20 to 23 in Riyadh Feb. 23 to 28, and in Dharan from Feb. 28 to March 4.

## Prayer Times

| Monday           | Makkah | Madinah | Riyadh | Dammam | Buraidah | Tabuk |
|------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| Fajr (Dawn)      | 5:27   | 5:31    | 5:02   | 4:51   | 5:15     | 5:47  |
| Dhuhr (Noon)     | 12:35  | 12:36   | 12:07  | 11:54  | 12:18    | 12:48 |
| Asr (Afternoon)  | 3:52   | 3:51    | 3:22   | 3:08   | 3:32     | 4:00  |
| Maghreb (Sunset) | 6:19   | 6:17    | 5:48   | 5:33   | 5:58     | 6:25  |
| Isha (Night)     | 7:49   | 7:47    | 7:18   | 7:03   | 7:28     | 7:55  |

The second project, scheduled for Buraidah, will have 949 villas under a SR833 million contract. Also included in the agreement will be public services for 1,675 land plots. Each villa will be built on an area of 484 sq. meters incorporating three bedrooms, a living room, a sitting room, a kitchen and three bathrooms.

"King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd are keen to secure a comfortable and respectable housing for every Saudi Arabian citizen," Prince Miteb said at a press conference he held after signing the contracts. "Therefore, a royal decree was issued calling for housing

schemes to be in a villa form," he said, adding that "the Arab housing ministers' conference of Dubai also has recommended that accommodation in countries with warm climate be spacious."

Consulting companies have been commissioned to supervise the huge projects. A joint Saudi-Greek venture was awarded a contract to supervise the Riyadh project and a similar agreement will be concluded next week for Buraidah's.

The contracts provide for establishing complete districts supplied with public services. Prince Miteb stressed. Each villa in the new districts will cost the state SR593,000 supplied with all services — water, electricity, telephones, sewage, asphalt and others, he said.

Speaking about the ministry's other projects, Prince Miteb said that the delay in the Makka and Madinah housing plans occurred because the ministry intends to include them in the royal decree, so they could be implemented in the form of villas.

The sites of the two projects were already surveyed, but the ministry had to carry out the survey again after the issuance of the royal decree. The area required for a housing unit built in the form of a villa is much greater than that needed for apartment buildings, he said.

"The survey has been completed now and the two projects have been awarded to some companies. However, they have been submitted for approval before contracts are signed for execution," Prince Miteb said.

Housing plans for Khafji, Ahsa and Qatif are still under study. Tenders will be invited for their implementation shortly, the prince said.

He denied that the cost of building housing units and complexes rose to a level of SR5,000 for a single sq. meter. Since its establishment, the ministry has not signed a contract in which the cost surpassed SR3,000 for a sq. meter. "The highest cost the ministry had reached was SR2,950 for a square meter in Jeddah's Rush Housing Scheme due to an emergency situation," the prince said. "The ministry has been highly successful with regard to cost of contracts signed," he added.

Leasing housing units at public places which have been completed will be decided by Crown Prince Fahd when he directs the formation of a committee to supervise the distribution. The committee will commence activities as soon as its formation is announced, Prince Miteb said.

The old housing plan on Khurais Road has been turned over to the National Guard, Prince Miteb said. The Finance and National Economy Ministry, which signed the contract before the public works and housing ministry was set up, is currently engaged in canceling the contract with the executing company, he added.

## Ministers probe Riyadh-Tunis agricultural ties

RIYADH, Feb. 14 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh held talks with Tunisian Farming Minister Al-Asaad ibn Asman here Sunday.

The talks, attended by senior officials of the agriculture and water ministry, the visiting minister's delegation and Tunisian Ambassador here Kacem Bousmina, dealt with cooperation in various aspects of agriculture and animal resources.

Asman arrived here Sunday on a six-day visit and was received by Dr. Al-Sheikh at the airport. He will make an inspection tour of agriculture and water projects and hold talks with senior officials.

After the meeting with Dr. Al-Sheikh, Asman said that his visit comes at the invitation of his Saudi Arabian counterpart. Talks will concentrate on further expanding cooperation in agriculture, water and animal resource sectors, he added.

Meanwhile, Al-Sheikh said the talks are a continuation of discussions during his recent visit to Tunisia, regarding cooperation and exchange of expertise in agricultural, water and animal resource projects in addition to fisheries.

The agenda centers on cooperation in exploring and exploiting water springs, exchanging expertise in saline water conversion and water treatment; benefiting from veterinary doctors and assistants, skilled agriculture and water workers, exchange of training technicians in harvest protection, veterinary medicine, geology, hydrology, sapling production, planting, agricultural guidance, animal resources; and developing fisheries and the possibility of forming a joint Saudi-Tunisian company in this field.

Meanwhile, the Tunisian minister met Sunday with Sheikh Turki ibn Khaled Al-Sudairi, civil service bureau president. During the meeting issues of mutual interest were reviewed and ways of promoting bilateral relations were discussed. Ambassador Bousmina and the delegation accompanying Asman were present at the meeting.

## Badr to chair Manama parley

By Maher Abbas  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 14 — A four-day international seminar on oceanography begins in Manama Monday under the chairmanship of Dr. Fayez Badr, president of the Saudi Ports Authority.

Dr. Badr, who left here for Bahrain Sunday, is accompanied by a delegation comprising Dr. Mohiuddin Kayyal, director general of Jubail industrial port; Hamad Al-Mehanna, director general of Dammam port, and Mustafa Hanafi, director of technical affairs at the Jeddah Islamic Port.

The seminar will discuss nearly 20 papers prepared by Arab navigation experts. It will be attended by companies and organizations, from 22 countries, with Saudi Arabia having a special wing to give an image of its achievements in the ports sector.

The seminar is part of the activities of the International Exhibition for the Exploitation of Oceans, Ports and Shipbuilding, beginning with a keynote address by Dr. Badr.

# Youth welfare chief departs on visits to Kuwait and UAE

RIYADH, Feb. 14 (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of youth welfare, flew to Kuwait Monday at the invitation of Sheikh Fahd Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, chairman of the Kuwaiti Olympic Committee (KOC) and member of the International Olympic Committee.

Prince Faisal will attend a party given by KOC on the occasion of Sheikh Fahd's admission to the international Olympic committee's membership. He was accompanied by Dr. Saleh ibn Nasser, head of the Saudi Arabian volleyball federation; Sulaiman Al-Jaihan, head of the Saudi Arabian tennis and table-tennis federation; Obman Muhammad Al-Saad of the Arab Sports Federation and other officials.

From Kuwait, Prince Faisal will go to the United Arab Emirates for a series of meetings with officials of the Higher Youth and Sports Council. He will review with them the final preparations for the sixth Arab Gulf football championship due to be held in Abu Dhabi.

In a separate development in Manama, Sheikh Hamad ibn Issa Al-Khalifa, the heir-apparent and chairman of Bahrain's Higher Youth and Sports Council, received Saturday night the Saudi administrative delegation accompanying the Kingdom's mission to the Saudi-Bahraini Friendship Week now being held in the country.

The meeting was attended by Sheikh Issa ibn Rashed Al-Khalifa, the information undersecretary and head of the Bahraini Olympic Committee. The heir-apparent was offered a copy of the Holy Quran and a shield as a token gift by the head of the Saudi delegation.

## Peace advocate to lecture in Riyadh

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 14 — Christopher Van Hollen, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington and a specialist on U.S. policy in South Asia, the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf, will be visiting Riyadh Feb. 26 and 27 on a lecture tour.

Topics which he will discuss during the tour

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## OAU's peace plan rejected by Chad

NDJAMENA, Feb. 14 (AFP) — The Chadian government has officially rejected last week's Organization of African Unity (OAU) resolutions aimed at forcing a reconstitution of all sides by the end of June.

A communiqué issued Saturday night after a meeting of President Goukouni Oudei's cabinet said the Chadian delegation at last Thursday's conference in Nairobi had been "pushed on to the sidelines" and branded the proceedings an "absurd scenario."

The meeting of the OAU Standing Committee on Chad said a ceasefire between the government and the rebel Armed Forces of the North (FAN) should come into effect by Feb. 28. A provisional constitution should be drawn up and legislative and presidential elections held by June 30, when the OAU peacekeeping force in Chad would withdraw at the end of its mandate.

Saturday night's government communiqué said the application of the resolutions "would certainly mean a repetition of the infernal cycle of death and destruction" which Chad has known virtually since independence in 1960. The government, which is formed of members of Chad's principal factions except

the FAN, said it would continue to mobilize national energies to re-establish peace, order and security.

The cabinet meeting was suspended for some time while President Goukouni addressed thousands of demonstrators who had come to express their support for the government. He asked them to keep calm and assured them of the determination of his government "to prove that Chad is free and sovereign."

The president has previously expressed his readiness to negotiate with the FAN. But analysts in Paris said his options were limited by the fact that the FAN are holding large areas of Chad, with some reports putting them only 170 kms from N'djamena.

The Chadian government has virtually no troops to oppose the FAN, which could reach the capital provided they avoided contact with the OAU contingents. Some observers in Paris did not rule out a new call for help by President Goukouni to neighboring Libya, which on his invitation drove the FAN out of N'djamena in late 1980 but withdrew from Chad, again at the president's request, last November.

### BRIEFS

ABUDHABI, (R) — President Ali Nasser Muhammad of South Yemen will visit the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in early March, the official Emirates News Agency said Saturday night.

The agency also said that Segalese President Abdou Diouf would pay a state visit to Abu Dhabi April 19.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati left here Sunday for Algeria, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported. Velayati, who is also to make an official visit to Libya, was accompanied by officials from the ministers of roads and transport, oil, and trade as well as his own department, IRNA said.

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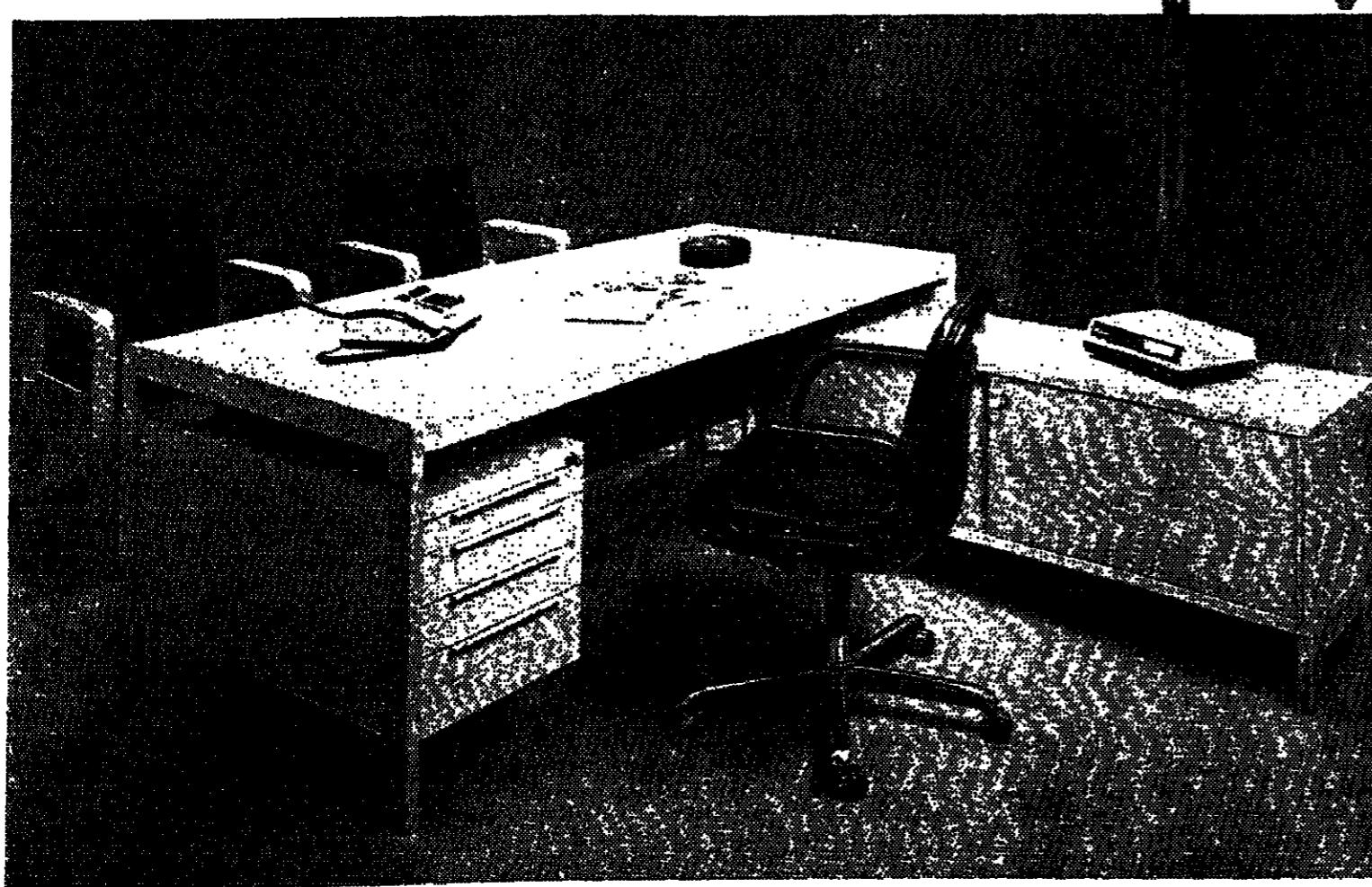
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## Turkey restricts contacts with foreigners

ISTANBUL, Feb. 14 (AP) — Turkey's military rulers Sunday banned civilian organizations from having foreign contacts without prior permission in an apparent attempt to quell criticism of the government here.

Labor unions, professional groups and associations were required under the ruling to get written approval before they invite "foreign representatives and delegations" to Turkey for any reason. An announcement by the Istanbul Martial Law Command said that despite a total ban on political debate in Turkey, "some organizations... persisted in indulging in political activity... and created insidious opposition" to the present regime.

The announcement also imposed a news blackout on "radio broadcasts and news media abroad that continued to pour venom of slander, lies and hatred into Turkey."

### 219 Ethiopians killed

KHARTOUM, Feb. 14 (AFP) — A spokesman for volunteers fighting for the independence of Eritrea from Ethiopia Sunday said they have killed 219, wounded 115 and captured 126 pro-government troops in engagements in the province in the past five days.

The spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said the engagements came amid preparations by the authorities in Addis Ababa for a major offensive against the Eritrean independence movement. He said that a unit of EPLF's military wing, the EPLA, Wednesday attacked Ethiopian-armed Eritrean peasants and regular Ethiopian troops between Adi Quals and Adi Ugri, in southwestern Eritrea, on the highway from the capital of Asmara to Dwa.

## Egypt sets conditions for restoring Soviet ties

CAIRO, Feb. 14 (R) — Egypt is prepared to restore ambassador-level relations with Moscow provided the Kremlin promises its envoys will not violate diplomatic norms, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali Has said.

"From the political point of view, I think it is normal to have the (Soviet) ambassador here when we get some assurances that the diplomatic mission will not exceed diplomatic practices," he said. Last September, a month before his assassination, President Anwar Sadat expelled the Soviet ambassador, six Soviet diplomats and the last 1,000 Soviet experts in Egypt, accusing Moscow of plotting against him. His successor President Hosni Mubarak has now invited 66 of the experts to return.

Ali said some Soviet experts had been ordered out too quickly, and Egypt still needed help from the USSR with the running of Soviet-built industrial machinery.

Ali said there was still a wide gap between Egypt and Israel over the degree of autonomy that should be granted to Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. He said it was unlikely the differences would be resolved ahead of Israel's

final withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula, which is due to take place before April 26.

Officials said Sunday that Egypt has established a special operations room to help supervise arrangements for its takeover of the final portion of Sinai.

## Golan Arabs go on strike

TEL AVIV, Feb. 14 (AP) — Druze Arabs went on general strike Sunday on the Golan Heights to protest the arrest of four leaders who allegedly incited resistance to Israeli rule.

Schools and shops were closed on the Golan, which has experienced a surge of Syrian nationalism since Israel annexed the area last December. Last week, the residents resolved not to pay Israeli taxes or accept Israeli services, and a group of leaders sent a cable to Prime Minister Menahem Begin saying they would resist all oppressive moves.

## Kuwait awaits Iran, Iraq word on POWs' visits

KUWAIT, Feb. 14 (AP) — Kuwait said Sunday neither Iraq nor Iran has so far officially approached it for acting as a mediator in the exchange of family visits to the estimated 10,000 prisoners of the Iran-Iraq war.

But Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Abdul Aziz Hussein said a representative of the International Red Cross Committee has been discussing the issue with Kuwaiti officials for the past few days. "The subject has not crystallized so far even for the Red Cross," Hussein said after a cabinet meeting.

A high ranking Red Cross official has met with Hussein, Kuwait's Minister of Health Abdul Rahman Alawadi and Kuwaiti Red Crescent Association President Abdul Aziz al-Saqi, who reportedly expressed readiness in principle to facilitate passage of Iranian and Iraqi families through Kuwaiti territory to visit captives of war held in the two countries.

"The question requires preparation and organization, especially as such exchange of visits takes place for the first time in history," Hussein added. "Kuwait is considering this matter to know to what extent it can help in this respect," he said.

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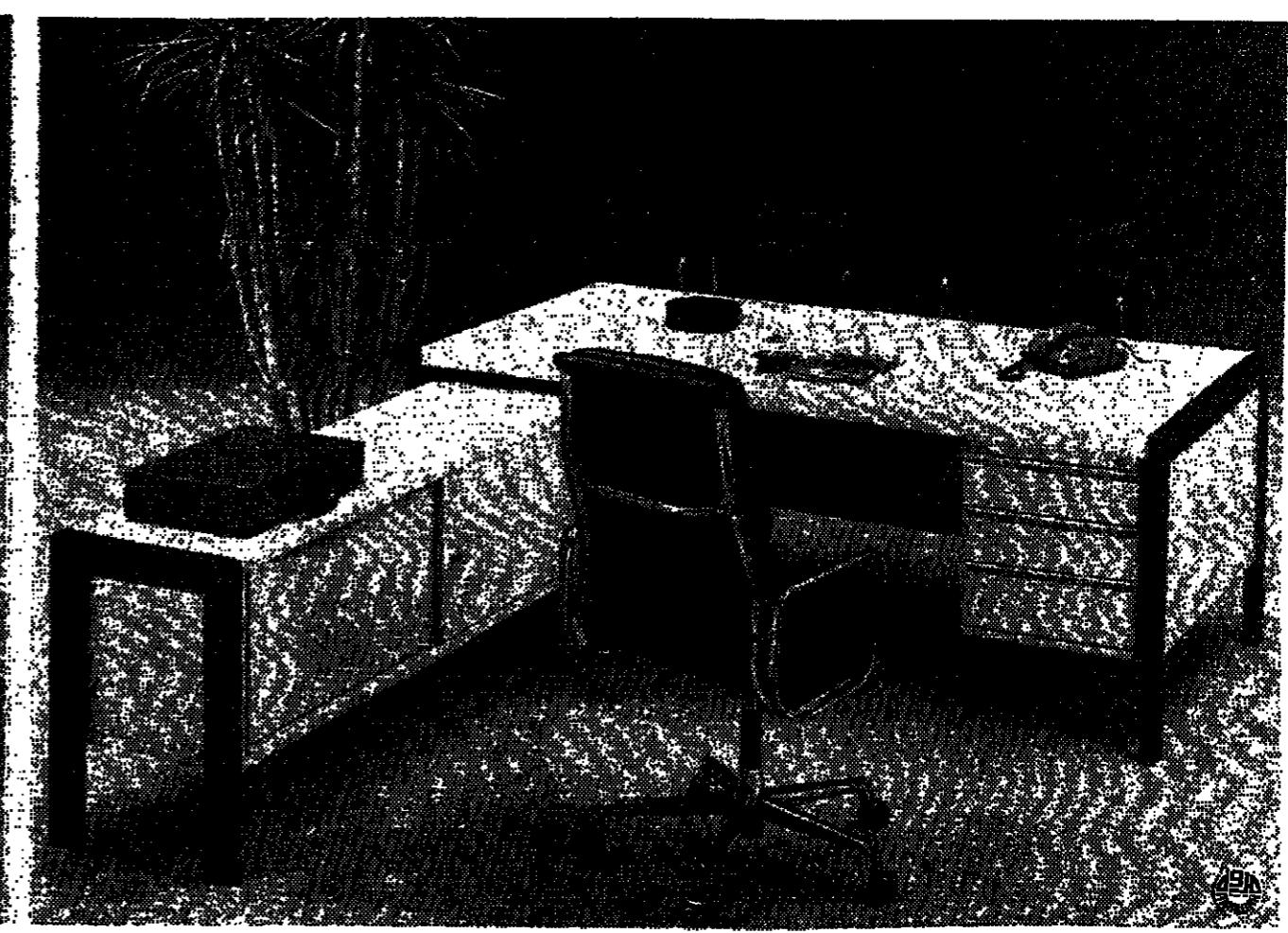
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Hunt for parliament employee

# Italian unions said harboring terrorists

ROME, Feb. 14 (AP) — Charges that a union leader and a parliament telephone operator belonged to the Red Brigades have rekindled controversy over how deeply terrorists have infiltrated Italy's institutions.

Budget Minister Giorgio La Malfa and Italian newspapers have accused unions of harboring extremists. A top unionist was quoted Sunday as saying some urban guerrillas have burrowed into the labor movement.

"Yes, there are terrorists in the unions, probably more of them than we usually think."

## China's isotopes reportedly blocked by crash

ATHENS, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Nearly quarter of a ton of radioactive isotopes and 2.5 kg of plutonium (5.5 lb) bound for Peking were on a Swissair DC-8 which crashed at Athens airport in October 1979, the mass-circulation daily *Acropolis* reported Sunday.

The report, which speculated that the crash might have been engineered to prevent the isotopes from reaching China, said the radioactive material had disappeared after the crash. *Acropolis* said half the isotopes which were destined for the China National Chemical Import-Export Corporation in Shanghai had come from Paris and the rest from a London company.

The paper said a Greek police officer who supervised investigations into the crash, died two months later from high blood pressure caused by the radiation. At the time, the authorities blamed the crash on a pilot error. Swissair said that the plane was carrying three items of radioactive material but said it was for medical purposes.

## Colombia offers aid to peasant guerrillas

FLORENCIA, Southern Colombia, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Colombian President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala has formulated a new plan for peace with guerrillas fighting his regime, and offered economic aid to rebel peasants prepared to cooperate.

The president was speaking Saturday in this town some 200 kms south of Bogota on the occasion of the official creation of the county of Caquet, the country's 23rd. Addressing the M-19 leftist guerrilla movement, which is attempting to set up anti-government activities in the new county, Turbay said that their leader, Jaime Bateman Cayon could not run in the next presidential elections for constitutional reasons.

## Indian surgeon dies

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (AP) — Dr. Atam Prakash, 54, India's leading surgeon who was recently decorated with the country's second highest civilian award, died Sunday of a heart attack in New Delhi.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi expressed grief over the death of Prakash, who is survived by wife, two sons and a daughter.

After a brilliant career abroad, Prakash returned to India in 1960s to serve the Irwin Hospitals and later the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences. He also was a visiting professor at several universities in Britain and the United States.

It's a new type of terrorism, one that doesn't shoot this or that boss, but aims to attack unions as a whole," Giorgio Benvenuto, secretary-general of the Union of Italian Labor (UIL), one of Italy's three largest labor confederations, said in an interview with the left-leaning Rome daily *La Repubblica*.

In the past, terrorist "Talpe" or "Moles" have allegedly penetrated the prison system and universities. Police have even hunted for a Red Brigades sympathizer in the post office who may have stolen a postman's uniform which was later used to disguise a guerrilla who shot and wounded the deputy chief of Rome's anti-terrorism police squad in January.

Left-wing terrorists infiltrate unions to improve ties with the working class, which they propose to lead to revolution. Magistrates and intelligence officers with right-wing sympathies have been accused of helping neo-fascist urban guerrillas.

The controversy over terrorist infiltration in unions erupted recently when police walked onto the floor of a labor meeting in Florence Feb. 4 and arrested Luigi Scricciolo, head of the international office for UIL, a center-left union.

Scricciolo, charged with membership in an armed band and subversive association, was arrested on the basis of testimony by his cousin Loris, a jailed Red Brigades terrorist now cooperating with police. Court sources quoted Loris as saying Luigi offered to use his international ties to obtain arms for the terrorists, possibly through Bulgaria.

Luigi Scricciolo has protested in interrogation that he's innocent, court sources say. His father told journalists Saturday that Loris, when he was in the Red Brigades, had made up the whole story about Luigi being a terrorist in order to try to get ahead himself within the guerrilla group.

Following Scricciolo's arrest, La Malfa lashed out at unions for placing leftist extremists in top positions and thus increasing "the capacity for terrorist infiltration."

"The UIL's problem is to ask itself what kind of political sense and what sense of responsibility allowed this to happen," La Malfa, a member of Premier Giovanni Spadolini's Republican Party, said.

The UIL is a center-left confederation, with links to the Republicans, Socialists and Social Democrats. The union has temporarily suspended Scricciolo and said it fully backs the investigation, but some leaders have been quoted in newspaper articles as saying they doubt Scricciolo was in the Red Brigades.

Meanwhile, police said they are hunting for Giovanni Alimonti, 27, a suspected member of the Red Brigades, who worked until Jan. 6 at the telephone switchboard at the chamber of deputies in Montecitorio Palace. Italian papers said it wasn't yet clear whether Alimonti was able to eavesdrop on parliamentarians' private conversations or had access to classified documents.

Police last month captured Red Brigades leader Giovanni Senzani, who had been identified previously as a terrorist mole. Before going underground, Senzani was a lecturer in criminology at the University of Florence and an adviser to the Justice Ministry on the nation's prison system. He also was a professor briefly at University of California Berkeley campus in the United States.

Several other professors, including Toni Negri of the University of Padua, have been jailed and charged with helping terrorists. They haven't been convicted, however.

## JAL crash followed scuffle, police investigations reveal

TOKYO, Feb. 14 (AFP) — The copilot of a Japan Air Lines DC-8 that crashed into Tokyo Bay Tuesday scuffled with the pilot after he apparently reversed thrust while still in flight, causing the aircraft to stall, police investigations showed Sunday.

Capt. Seiji Katagiri, 35, in charge at the time of the crash, was seriously injured in the accident, along with copilot Yoshifumi Ishikawa, 33, and flight engineer Yoshiaki Izaki, 43. Police said they had learned that the copilot and flight engineer had tried to intervene with the captain just before impact.

But despite efforts by the copilot, the captain reportedly pushed the throttle lever forward, contrary to normal procedure when trying to land at the airport. The copilot was said to have told police that he had scuffled with the captain in an effort to pull the plane up again, but to no avail.

Air safety investigators said they had confirmed that the fourth engine, on the right wing, was in reverse thrust when the plane crashed. The plane knocked down several approach lights and plunged into the bay 300 meters short of a runway, killing 24 persons aboard and injuring 250 others. 78

of them seriously.

Investigators also said that the plane's voice recorder showed that a minute before the crash the captain suddenly yelled out in the cockpit, after which the copilot asked in a hushed voice, "what are you doing, captain?" The flight engineer's seat belt was unfastened on impact, indicating he had stood up to intervene, police said.

Capt. Katagiri, who took command of a DC-8 on Dec. 18, 1979, took a month's leave from November through December 1980 because of a psychosomatic disorder before resuming his DC-8 duty in November 1981. Police said that the captain had suffered from hallucinations since the summer of 1980.

Meanwhile, JAL president Yokon Tagaki has reportedly expressed his readiness to resign from his post to accept responsibility for the crash. The copilot and the flight engineer, who had flown to Fukuoka from Tokyo the night before, noted the captain had circled in an unorthodox fashion shortly after taking off from Tokyo's Haneda airport. They said they had been on "constant watch" for abnormal behavior during the Fukuoka-Tokyo flight.

## Pacifists harassed

### Japanese protest maneuvers

GOTEMBA, Japan, Feb. 14 (AFP) — There were tense scenes at the foot of Mount Fuji as rightists harassed reformist and pacifist forces which gathered there to protest the first five-day joint Japan-U.S. command exercise starting Sunday.

Some 2,500 persons including unionists and students mobilized by the Socialist and Communist parties and labor and peace committee bodies in Shizuoka Prefecture, where the exercise site is located, staged a protest rally and parade near the ground self-defense forces' base in the morning. Four representatives of the co-sponsors of the rally met base officials to hand over a protest note, but the officials refused to accept it.

In the afternoon, Japan's biggest labor organization, the 4.5-million-member Sohio, and the Japan Socialist Party sent in about 3,500 more opponents to the exercise from across the country in renewed protest action. The protesters gathered in 45 buses, against which the rightists drove 13 vehicles. The windshields of five buses were damaged, police said.

## BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (R) — An American Roman Catholic clergyman has been shot dead in Guatemala, the State Department said Sunday. James Arnold Miller, the clergyman, was killed outside his residence in Huehuetenango, about 250 kms from Guatemala City, a spokesman said.

ROME (R) — Italian President Sandro Pertini will pay an official visit to Japan from March 9-15, an official source said here Sunday. It will be Pertini's first visit to Japan. At the end of March he will go to Washington.

BRUSSELS (R) — A total 14,000 troops from eight North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries will hold ground-air maneuvers in northern Norway Feb. 24 to March 24, it was announced Sunday. The exercise, code-named Alloy Express, will aim at training the forces in winter conditions and testing the coordination of the different armies, the allied forces headquarters in Europe at Mons said. Participating countries are Canada, the United States, Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, the Netherlands and West Germany.

NEW DELHI (R) — Some 250 anti-Khomeini Iranian students Saturday night ended a hunger strike they had started here Thursday to protest against the "anti-people policies of the Khomeini regime," a student spokesman said Sunday. The students, who were occupying a tent on the lawns overlooking the parliament building, called off the strike after appeals from Indian civil rights leaders.

VIENNA (R) — The Polish airlines LOT has resumed regular flights to and from the six other Soviet bloc countries, but flights to other Western and overseas destinations continued to be sporadic, the Polish state news agency PAP reported Sunday.

BANGKOK (R) — Three Thai border villages have evacuated women and children amid stepped-up fighting between Vietnamese-led forces and Khmer Rouge guerrillas in the extreme west of Cambodia, front line reports said Sunday. According to the reports, women and children from the villages of Wang Mon, Koke Sabaeng and Saen Sook, located close to the scene of fighting, had moved north to take refuge in the key Thai border town of Aranyaprathet as authorities armed the male populations that stayed behind.

WASHINGTON (R) — President Ronald Reagan has approved a plan to counter any Cuban presence in Nicaragua and resultant Cuban military deliveries to Salvadoran guerrillas, encompassing paramilitary operations by foreign governments. *The Washington Post* reported Sunday. The program covered "action by friendly foreign governments designed to disrupt Cuban-Nicaraguan supply lines of arms to guerrilla forces in El Salvador," the newspaper said.

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. has recalled a senior army officer and disciplined other American military advisers in El Salvador for violating a rule against carrying combat rifles. The White House said Saturday that the U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, Dean Hinton, ordered the senior officer home and reprimanded four other advisers after an investigation showed the five had carried M-16 rifles on a training mission. "The assignment of the senior member of the technical team has been curtailed and the other members admonished," it said.

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## Church criticized

### E. German youths stage demonstration for peace

the rejection "seriously but loosely." But he was unable to explain when a questioner asked how a military reservist could so react without facing prison as well.

Dresden youth pastor Harald Brettschneider contrasted the official praise for the West German peace movement's opposition to American missiles and the difficulties in mounting a movement against similar weapons in East Germany. The East German government maintains that only Western missiles pose a threat to peace.

Many of the youngsters criticized the church for not taking a more active role in leading a campaign for disarmament by both East and West. Hempel reminded them that "The church is not a revolutionary force."

The church leaders said signatures, however, would soon be collected for the "Berlin appeal" of pastor Reiner Eppelmann — a plea for disarmament, a nuclear-free Europe, and withdrawal of Soviet troops from East Germany. Eppelmann was detained by state security for two days following publication of his appeal in a West German newspaper.

Several youngsters told of police ripping off their badges depicting swords tuning into plowshares, or with the motto "Make Peace Without Weapons." Nevertheless almost everyone wore such a badge or other improvised peace sign, sewn on their shoulders, hanging from their necks, or in one case, printed on a headband.

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**With oil prices crumbling****OPEC states borrow**

BASLE, Feb. 14 (R) — Oil-exporting countries have become net borrowers of funds from major Western banks for the first time since the end of 1978, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) said Sunday.

The BIS attributed the change largely to a decline in the huge balance of payments surpluses built up by oil exporters as a result of big price increases in 1979 and 1980. An oil glut has developed since the middle of last year and prices have begun to crumble.

The BIS said in its latest international banking report that new borrowing by members of the Organization of Petroleum

**I'm broke, Laker informs backer**

LONDON, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Sir Freddie Laker, who is negotiating to resurrect his crashed Skytrain company as a "people's airline", has told potential backer "Tiny" Rowland of the Lonrho trading giant that he is broke.

The *Sunday Telegraph* said Sunday he had told Rowland: "I haven't a bean" and quoted him as saying that if a deal is not concluded soon "I will sell matches or something".

He told the paper: "Everything I possess is pledged to the bank. My personal net worth is probably between 10,000 and 20,000 pounds (\$18,000 to 36,000)." The 59-year-old entrepreneur said he did not even have a pension.

He said he was paying interest at the rate of 200 pounds a day on loans, explaining that for the last 16 years he has been living off capital, having borrowed to buy two farms and a house.

His crashed Laker Airways airline has debts of 270 million pounds, but Rowland has guaranteed 700,000 pounds (\$1.25 million) of his own money to underwrite people who had paid in advance for Laker tickets and were caught by the crash.

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Exporting Countries (OPEC) rose to \$2.4 billion in the third quarter of last year, from \$1.3 billion in the previous three months, while their deposits fell by \$700 million.

OPEC countries were also tending to put more money into long-term investments which are outside the banks and thus do not show up in the statistics, the report said.

The report also showed that the Soviet Union, whose deposits fell in the first half of the year to \$3.6 billion from \$8.6 billion, replenished its accounts at Western banks to \$4.5 billion by the end of September.

The third quarter upturn occurred when Moscow had resumed selling gold after staying out of the market in the first half, but this was not mentioned in the report. The BIS had earlier linked the big drawdown in Soviet deposits with possible aid to Poland.

The report also said that Moscow's net indebtedness to the Western banking system

at the end of September from \$546 million three months previously, while its debt was barely changed at \$14.2 billion.

PARIS, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Disagreement on the choice of a new secretary general for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) could leave member countries no option but to ask Emile Van Lennep to continue in his post, senior OECD diplomats said this weekend.

Van Lennep, aged 67, a former Dutch treasurer-general who has headed the Paris-based OECD secretariat since 1969, is scheduled to retire on March 31. An Italian and a Swede, both former cabinet ministers, and a West German senior official are running for his post.

However, with barely six weeks left, permanent representatives of the 24 OECD countries have still to make a unanimous choice. Many delegations consider the matter particularly important at a time when the industrial world is struggling to overcome the most serious economic crisis of the post-war period.

"There is a growing likelihood that we will have to ask the outgoing secretary general to

remain in his post for some time", a delegation head said. Van Lennep was reappointed for a third five-year term in 1979. There was an informal understanding he would step down after two and a half years.

After several months of secret consultations, three candidates are still in the race. Former Italian Finance Minister Filippo Maria Pandolfi, 54, has the backing of several European countries. OECD sources say.

Five northern European countries are supporting Staffan Burenstam Linder, 51, a former Swedish minister of commerce.

The United States and West Germany have thrown their weight behind Helga Steeg, a senior German government official. Miss Steeg, aged 54, is a close aide to West German Economy Minister Otto Lambdorff.

The OECD groups the industrial nations of Western Europe, North America and the Pacific region, including Japan, which are grappling with recession, inflation, mounting unemployment and a serious long-term energy crisis.

Against this background, national representatives consider the OECD's role more important than at any time in its 21-year history. The organization provides a framework for permanent consultations and exchange of information among member countries. The understanding this fosters among decision-makers in national governments determines the quality of cooperation among the 24 countries, one OECD ambassador explained.

KUWAIT, Feb. 14 (AP) — Kuwait has

**Arab news Economy****Ford, union sign pact to protect jobs**

DEARBORN, Feb. 14 (R) — The Ford Motor Company and the United Auto Workers Union (UAW) have signed a tentative agreement which they said was aimed at preserving jobs.

Ford said the agreement signed Saturday was a major step in helping the company become more competitive against other car makers. Ford and other U.S. car manufacturers have been attempting to negotiate lower labor cost to make them more competitive with foreign companies.

The U.S. car industry is in the midst of one of its most severe slumps since World War II. Nearly 250,000 American car workers, including 55,100 at Ford, are unemployed.

A spokesman for the union said the agreement with Ford was a "major achievement" in protecting the jobs of its members at Ford. The pact includes provisions for job losses through attrition and guaranteed incomes for long-time Ford employees.

In Tokyo, meanwhile, the recent decision by Toyota, Japan's biggest auto manufacturer, to consider building an assembly plant in the United States can only please officials here who want to ease bilateral trade friction.

Toyota sells more cars in the U.S. than any other Japanese manufacturer, and its decision — revealed in the press last week — must be put shortly before the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) if it is to be accepted.

Toyota, the world's second biggest auto manufacturer, intends to begin producing quarter of a million vehicles a year from the new plant which should be operational in 1983 or 1986. Until now Toyota appeared reluctant to set up a plant in the U.S., even though it has been urged to do so by the American authorities and by the U.S. United Auto Workers Union.

**Kuwait doubles aid to 3rd World**

KUWAIT, Feb. 14 (AP) — Kuwait has doubled to \$145.6 million its capital contribution to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) fund for developing countries. The fund provides soft-term loans to help developing countries offset the impact of rising oil prices in recent years.

**IMF, World Bank reschedule talks**

By Charles W. Holmes  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 — The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have agreed to reschedule their 1982 joint annual meetings to avoid a conflict with the Muslim holiday of Id Ul-Adha.

The 1982 meetings to be held in Toronto, Canada, originally were scheduled for Sept. 28—Oct. 1, coinciding with the Id Ul-Adha festival which marks the end of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca.

Arab nations formally requested at last year's joint sessions that the dates be changed for the Toronto meetings. At the time, Canadian officials expressed doubts that they could secure enough hotel space in Toronto if the meetings were shifted. Nearly 11,000 delegates and guests attended the Washington sessions in 1981.

Key Arab nations, including Saudi Arabia, had threatened to boycott the 1982 meetings if they were not rescheduled. But an IMF spokesman told *Arab News* that the bank and the fund, with the cooperation of Canada, agreed upon new dates with "no difficulties."

The joint meetings now will take place Sept. 6 to 9. The date change was approved

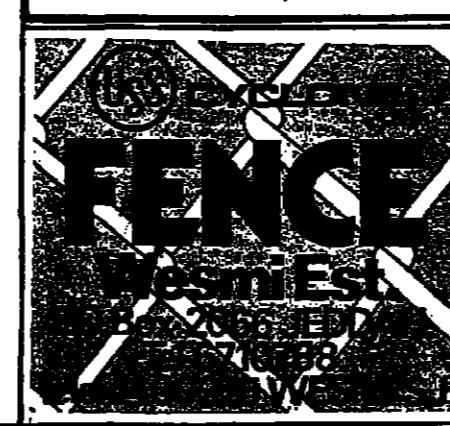
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| Canadian Dollar        | —                            | 282.00        |              |          |
| Deutsche Mark (100)    | 143.75                       | 143.00        |              |          |
| Dutch Guilder (100)    | 131.25                       | 130.80        |              |          |
| Egyptian Pound         | 3.50                         | 3.92          |              |          |
| Emirates Dirham (100)  | 93.00                        | 93.15         |              |          |
| French Franc (100)     | 57.00                        | 56.60         |              |          |
| Greek Drachma (1,000)  | 52.50                        | 55.85         |              |          |
| Indian Rupee (100)     | —                            | 37.25         |              |          |
| Iranian Rial (100)     | 6.50                         | —             |              |          |
| Italian Lira (10,000)  | 27.20                        | 27.20         |              |          |
| Japanese Yen (1,000)   | —                            | 14.40         |              |          |
| Jordanian Dinar        | 10.00                        | 9.89          |              |          |
| Kuwaiti Dinar          | 12.05                        | 11.99         |              |          |
| Lebanese Lira (100)    | 70.00                        | 69.55         |              |          |
| Moroccan Dirham (100)  | 59.00                        | 62.40         |              |          |
| Pakistani Rupee (100)  | —                            | 32.05         |              |          |
| Philippines Peso (100) | —                            | 41.80         |              |          |
| Pound Sterling         | 6.35                         | 6.29          |              |          |
| Qatari Ryal (100)      | 94.00                        | 94.95         |              |          |
| Singapore Dollar (100) | —                            | 161.95        |              |          |
| Saudi Riyal (1,000)    | 179.75                       | 179.30        |              |          |
| Syrian Lira (100)      | 58.00                        | 63.50         |              |          |
| Turkish Lira (1,000)   | —                            | —             |              |          |
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**Financial Roundup****Riyal stays firm on dull day**

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 14 — The local markets were reported quiet Sunday, with the European markets closed for business. There was some intensive dealing earlier in the morning but this died down by early afternoon with dealers squaring their positions in anticipation of European trading Monday.

Riyal rates remained firm with some slight increases registered in the short tenors and overnight funds, but with dealers reporting a continuing flow of riyal liquidity into the market.

The Bahraini based OBU's — offshore booking units — that were open for business Sunday were also quoting optimistically higher rates on dollar deposits in anticipation of a firmer dollar on the European Monday markets. One month Eurodollar rates were quoted at 16½-16¾ percent for interbank dealing, while the one year rate was around 16 7/16-17 1/16 percent. This is nearly ½ percent higher than comparable New York Friday night closing levels.

In the domestic markets, one month JIBOR bid-offer rates opened at 15½-16

percent but later rose to 15¾-16¼ percent. While weekly fixed rates went up from 15¾-16½ to 15¾-16¾ percent at one stage. The longer term riyal rates remained more stable at 15¾-15¾ percent for most of the day with again transactions being concentrated in the short tenors.

Overnight funds were in demand at 15½ percent levels but the transaction volumes were reported small out of Jeddah. Looking back across the past week, one sees that, on the whole, riyal deposit rates have remained steady with the sharpest rises being in the range of 1 to 1½ percent in the short tenors, unlike some of the volatility seen in the dollar markets.

In the Sunday local exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates were also stable at 3.4202-10 levels all day and later firming only marginally to 3.4203-12 levels with some late buying orders coming in out of Bahrain. Once again, the local markets are awaiting to see how the European markets are going to react Monday, after Friday's rises in the dollar seemingly brought about by increased money supply growth in the American monetary system.

**Egypt urged to revamp public sector**

CAIRO, Feb. 14 (R) — Calls for major reforms of the Egyptian economy were made by two former prime ministers at a meeting here to map out Egypt's economic strategy for the next five years.

The conference, attended by cabinet ministers, former government leaders and economic experts, was convened by President Hosni Mubarak to help work out practical ideas for improving Egypt's economic performance.

Officials said that during a closed session former Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil and Adel Aziz Hegazi told the meeting

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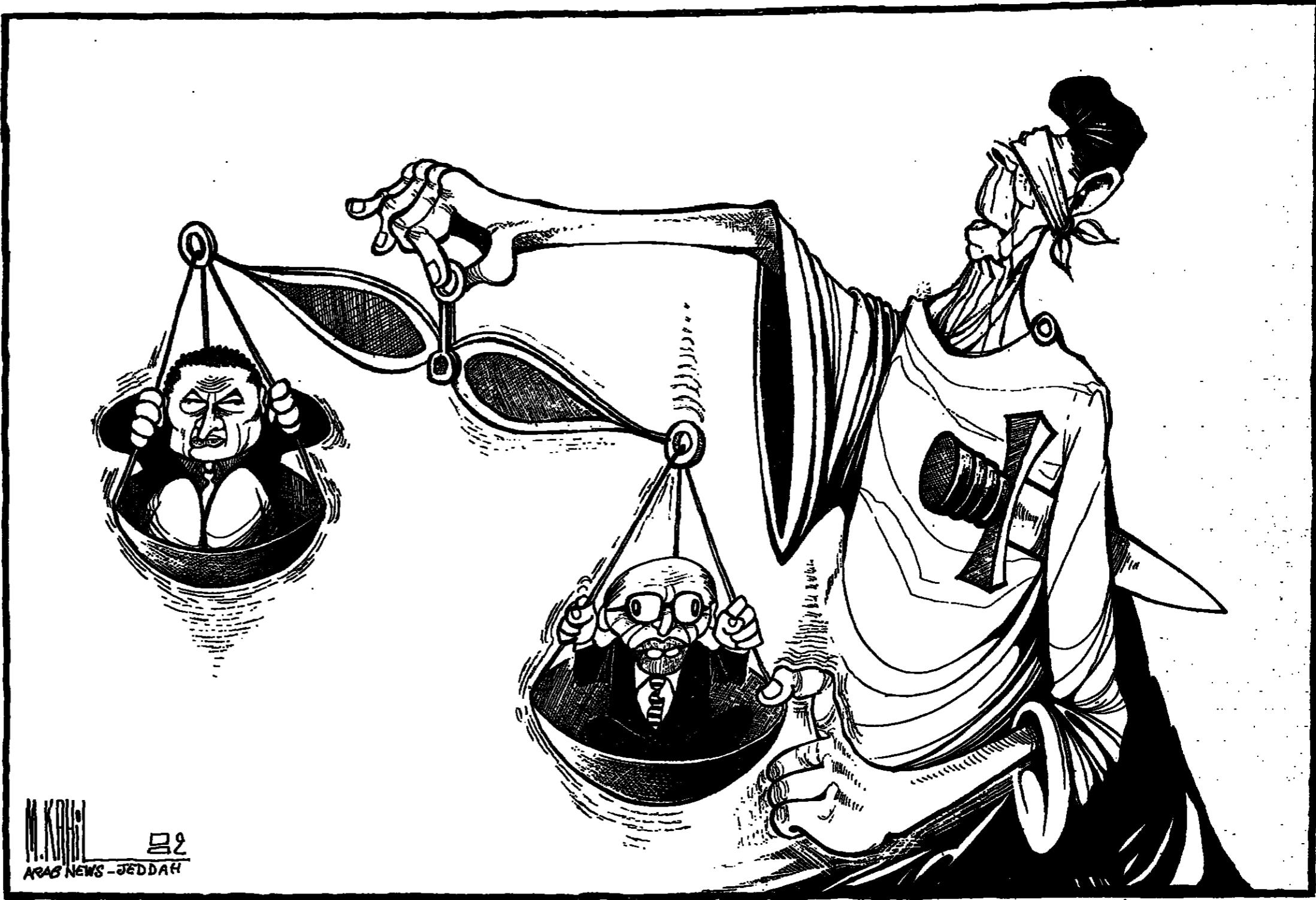
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## Europe's neutralists, U.S. isolationists at odds over USSR

(Editor's Note: The writer was U.S. undersecretary of state from 1961 to 1966.)

By George W. Ball

**WASHINGTON —** Disturbing premonitions of war now sweeping over Europe have brought its neutralists out of hiding; at the same time their mirror-image American isolationists are, like 17-year locusts, re-emerging from a long underground slumber. The neutralists are chanting their old theme about staying aloof from the battle; U.S. reborn isolationists are singing their nostalgic anti-European tune. But, though the melodies are familiar, the words on both sides are subtly different; the keening of the neutralists has persistent anti-American overtones, while, during their long hibernation, the isolationists suffered a critical mutation. Unlike their predecessors of the '30s who wished to avoid entanglement in a great-power conflict, U.S. mutated isolationists seem to be spoiling for such a conflict — demanding that if Europeans do not comply unquestioningly with U.S. anti-Soviet policies Americans should go their own way, free from the constraints of moderation to stand alone against the Soviet aggressor.

All this comes into focus as the Western nations try to shape a common policy toward the Polish crisis. The neutralists of Europe see the rape of Poland as primarily an internal affair of the Communist bloc; they are reluctant to challenge the division of Europe sanctified by the Helsinki Agreement and the unintended consequences of Yalta. U.S. isolationists, on the other hand, would like to bring that whole system down. It is the familiar paradox: Liberal elements wish

to avoid change while so-called conservatives seek radical solutions. As is so often the case, the radical view has been best articulated outside the government by a group of mutated isolationists dominated by well-known American neo-conservatives. That group, which modestly calls itself the Committee for the Free World, has recently published a manifesto declaring the Polish crisis to be a splendid opportunity to recognize "the illusions of detente for what they are." It considers it absurd to believe that the West could effectively "use economic pressure to force the Polish government to restore the freedoms now taken away"; instead, it implies that the U.S. must somehow break the hold of the Soviets over Eastern Europe — or, in other words, achieve what John Foster Dulles called "liberating" the satellite countries.

The committee proposes to achieve that purpose by denying to Poland and the Soviet Union "Western loans, Western grain, and above all Western technology." Through these means, it contends, the U.S. can "at no risk of military confrontation ... further the processes of disintegration from within that may mark the beginning of the end of the Soviet empire." Thus the U.S. can "hasten the day when the world will be free of Soviet imperialism and the totalitarian barbarisms it carries in its wake."

Though the committee poses the issue in the rhetoric of freedom and human rights, it uses those terms only in a specialized anti-Soviet context. Most of its leading members had fiercely opposed Carter's selection of human rights as a major tenet of U.S. foreign policy, and they have led in cheering the Reagan administration's sponsorship of repressive governments in Argentina, Chile, the Philippines

and its distressing tolerance for South Africa's bloody-minded racial policies.

The committee's aim of furthering "the disintegration of the Soviet empire" so as to "free the world of Soviet imperialism" strikes directly at the whole system of power in Europe that has prevailed for almost four decades. It would mean allowing the Eastern European nations to make their own arrangements with the West. Though pleasant to contemplate, that prospect holds implications terrifying to most of the U.S. European friends. They have lived for a thousand years in a world marked by the rivalries of great powers — first the Habsburgs against France; then, under Louis XIV and Napoleon, France against the rest of Europe; finally, beginning with Bismarck, Germany against France. Their blood-drenched history has taught them that peace depends on the maintenance of an effective power balance and that war results when that balance is abruptly overturned. Since almost every generation of Europeans has known war and its devastation, it is, therefore, not surprising that many today are wondering if the cycle of peace we have enjoyed for 36 years may not be nearing its end. Quite understandably they see frightening possibilities in the Reagan administration's rejection of diplomacy and its single-minded concentration on military power. Thus the thought of any action that might promote the disintegration of the present power system in an age of nuclear weapons makes the cold European winter even chillier.

President Reagan seems to have shown some understanding of this, for he has reportedly rejected the proposal for strong financial and economic sanctions vigorously urged by mutated isolationists

in the administration such as U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick (a member of the committee) joined apparently by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Though few believe that the "processes of disintegration" now afflicting the Soviet Union are likely to "mark the beginning of the end of the Soviet empire" or that those processes can be seriously "furthered" by the economic measures the committee proposes, the very thought that the American government might be pursuing that objective would drive more and more Europeans into the neutralist camp. They are acutely aware of the Russians' brooding insecurity resulting from two invasions from the West in modern times, and they know that the Soviet Union would never peacefully allow the loss of its Western glacis. One cannot, of course, rule out the hope that time and events will ultimately erode the current European power system, but to avoid world destruction in a nuclear age, change must come gradually. Today, any effort to dismantle that system would, if taken seriously, go far to destroy Western unity and push a frightened Europe toward accommodation with Moscow. (WP)

### Letter to the editor

Clarification

Sir,

With reference to the story published on the second page of your esteemed newspaper *Arab News* on Jan. 22, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

(1) I very much regret that the writer ascribed to me something which I never said during my interview with him in Jeddah.

(2) The writer said: "Arab and Islamic states are planning to establish their own Islamic monetary fund to free their economies from the restrictions and domination of the industrialized countries now holding the majority shares of the International Monetary Fund". I did not tell him so during our meeting.

(3) The writer said further: "It will also facilitate the task of those interested in creating a united currency for Arab and Islamic countries through a special drawing unit that will represent the states against the predominance of the dollar and the pound sterling". Such statements have very serious dimensions and strong reactions at the international forums. The writer did not realize this.

(4) He put me in the place of one speaking on behalf of the Arab and Islamic states as a whole, while my position at the IMF does not give me such a great honor, which I did not claim for myself.

I thought I should clarify this to you.

Yours faithfully,  
Dr. Wadie Ahmad Kabhi  
Adviser to the IMF  
Washington, D.C.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 1982. There are 319 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

1589 Duke of Mayenne enters Paris and is declared lieutenant general of the kingdom by the Catholic League.

1633 Scots name Alexander Leslie their commander-in-chief in first bishops' war.

1963 Several persons, including three army officers, are arrested in France on charges of plotting to assassinate President Charles de Gaulle.

1965 China's Foreign Minister Chen Yi says in Peking that peaceful coexistence with the United States is out of the question.

1974 Alexander Solzhenitsyn, exiled Soviet author, arrives in Switzerland but his ultimate destination remains secret.

1980 Iran's foreign minister insists that U.S. hostages will not be released until the International Commission begins investigation of the Shah.

Thought for today:

When fortune knocks, open the door — German proverb.

### Saudi Arabian press review

The recently concluded two-day emergency conference of Arab foreign ministers in Tunis was the main topic for editorial comment in Sunday's newspapers.

**Okaz** said the conference has succeeded in working out a strategy for countering the Israeli threats and challenges in the region. The paper called for a unified Arab stance "by those who have lost their prestige because of differences plaguing the Arab world."

It urged the Arabs to settle their marginal differences in order to realize their supreme interests and goals. The paper advised the Arab countries to spurn any pacts or treaties with the big powers "which are trying to penetrate the region and realize their malicious designs and ambitions."

"The time is ripe for the Arabs to unify their ranks, mobilize their potentials and form a united front to face the challenges threatening their common destiny," the paper added.

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policy.

**Al-Madinah** noted the importance of issues discussed by the Arab foreign ministers during their emergency meeting. The paper called for restoring Arab solidarity in view of the crucial stage facing the Arab world. It underlined the Arabs' need for a wise and valiant leadership that "would lead them to victory and liberating their usurped territories."

**Al-Jazeerah** called for the adoption of a new Arab strategy for dealing with Western and Eastern blocs. The paper noted that in spite of U.N. resolutions against Israel since it occupied Palestine and parts of the other Arab world, "some Western and Eastern countries have failed to carry out these resolutions."

"Moreover, these countries have proceeded with their blind financial and military support for the aggressive Zionist entity," it added.

The paper urged the Arab states to reconsider their relations with Japan and Western countries which have abstained from voting against Israel's illegal annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights.

**Al-Riyadha** stressed the importance of Arab unity in facing the dangers threatening their own existence. It urged the Arab countries to learn the lessons of history and events which have affected their own common destiny.

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period judged by the leadership's 1981 Resolution to be the gravest injury suffered by China since the Communist victory in 1949.

**Red Flag** begins its reassessments by appealing to history — the triumph of the "progressive over the decadent" according to objective laws independent of human will. It was this historical force which swept the party to victory over its enemies after 22 years of struggle. **Red Flag** maintains, and if things occasionally go wrong the setbacks are temporary. "Decadent forces", such as the Gang, may win a momentary upperhand, and even "progressive leaders" sometimes make serious mistakes — a clear reference to Mao Tse-tung who was bluntly criticized in last year's resolution.

What the leadership knows is that public confidence was eroded, not only by the Cultural Revolution, but by policies stretching back to at least 1957.

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It was then that Mao and his senior colleagues, including the then party general secretary, Deng Xiaoping, initiated the Great Leap Forward and the commune system, setting the country on a economic and political course now said to have been disastrous.

To those dwelling on the implications of so many years of "tragic errors" — virtually the entire period of Communist rule — **Red Flag** now says: "A bad experience is the best teacher."

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## New American tax laws in effect

# Expatriate taxes decreased; U.S. firms more competitive

By Thomas B. Edsall

**WASHINGTON (WP)** — Multi-national corporations, particularly construction firms doing business in the Middle East, are preparing to capitalize on a provision of the 1981 tax bill that significantly lessens the tax burden on their foreign-based employees.

This year, according to James H. Larkin, president of the Houston-based Overseas American Tax Service, will be "the best year since the early '60s for U.S. citizen working overseas... the Economic Recovery Act passed by Congress and signed into law by President Reagan offers the best tax break in more than two decades to help the expatriate."

It is, however, by no means clear that the benefits of the tax break will flow to overseas employees; major companies are in the process of trying to decide how to adjust pay in light of the tax change. One likely option will be to initiate "equalization" programs so that workers suddenly pulling ahead of colleagues at home and in other countries because of tax changes will receive reduced compensation.

In other words, the tax break would flow to the companies, not the workers, except in the case of self-employed persons and those working overseas for foreign-based firms.

The new law represents a major victory for those who have argued that the U.S. tax system was functioned to hurt the nation's ability to compete in international markets.

The major lobby for the tax change was the National Constructors Association, which coordinated the creation of an ad hoc group

**U.S. maintains \$12.6b cache in 'war stockpile'**

By Myron Struck

**WASHINGTON (WP)** — For more than 50 years, the United States has been squirreling away minerals, metals, chemicals and drugs in caverns, vaults, fields and warehouses, waiting for a war on the scale of World War II.

The 104 storage sites now contain billions of dollars worth of materials, ranging from silver to opium to castor oil. The government can't say precisely what is included because the stockpile has never undergone a complete audit. Yet like most other big federal projects, it has gradually developed a substantial bureaucracy — and constituency — of its own.

And it has developed the usual complement of critics, who wonder whether it makes sense to continue storing away materials for a three-year, non-nuclear war.

"We have to presume that such a war could happen," said Paul K. Krueger, assistant associate director for resources preparedness at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, who chairs the annual materials plans steering committee, the interagency task force that, with congressional approval, decides what materials will be bought and sold.

FEMA officials coordinate the decision-making process, but they are supposed to follow the Defense Department's advice on what kind of war to expect.

The General Services Administration runs the stockpile and buys and sells materials for it. The Commerce, Interior, Treasury and State departments and the Central Intelligence Agency also contribute to stockpile decisions.

The panel deliberates in secrecy so as not to telegraph strategic decisions or upset prices on international commodity markets.

The government had discussed building a stockpile since the 1930s, but it wasn't until 1952 that a presidential commission, chaired by CBS Chairman William S. Paley, envisioned a stockpile that would see the nation through a five-year war.

Since then, the target for the holdings had decreased to a one-year supply, until President Carter reversed the trend and ordered his managers to stockpile enough for a three-year conventional war. Carter also pushed through legislation in 1978 that set up regular annual appropriations for the stockpile — now about \$100 million a year. The Reagan administration has indicated it wants Congress to speed the process of approving recommended purchases.

Today the stockpile contains 97 materials from 61 families of raw materials, chemicals and drugs.

The stockpile has nearly \$3 billion worth of tin, \$1.85 billion worth of silver, \$1 billion worth of chromium and \$500 million worth of aluminum. It also includes 71,303 pounds of opium — both unprocessed and in the form of codeine and morphine, enough asbestos to help to insulate the entire Trident nuclear submarine fleet and 22 million pounds of castor oil.

To date, the only stockpiled materials that have been used for military purposes were nickel, copper and quinine, which was used to combat malaria during the Vietnam war.

On the commercial market, the stockpile would be worth \$12.56 billion, plus a few billion dollars if the value of the opium is figured in, according to stockpile officials. Krueger and stockpile manager Roy Markon, head of GSA's Federal Property Resources Service, say it would cost another \$1.2 billion to complete the stockpile. The stockpile has reached the target for 24 of the 97 materials but has less than half its target for 37 materials, according to Krueger.

"The stockpile concept is viable," Markon says. "But it has to be kept current. We have to take into account the technology, production, innovation of American industry and the defense machine."

Under current thinking, \$4.92 billion worth of materials in the stockpile should be sold because they are no longer considered necessary.

called the U.S. and Overseas Employees Tax Fairness Committee. It got the support of such industry groups as the American Consulting Engineers Council, the Associated General Contractors, the National Consulting Engineers Council and the International Engineering and Construction Industries Council.

The provision in the 1981 bill represented a near-complete turnaround from the reform mood of the mid-1970s that produced legislation designed to make U.S. citizens working abroad pay rates of taxation equal to that of persons living here.

### Decline Reasons Tested

In this light, the legislation will serve, in part, as a test of whether the recent sharp decline in U.S. contracting in the Middle East results from tax policy — the claim made by the U.S. firms — or from the improved competitive abilities of firms from Korea, Japan and Western Europe.

One of the major arguments used by such firms as Bechtel Power Co. and Brown and Root has been that the cost of giving employees additional compensation to make up for increased tax liabilities has been a key factor in the decline of construction awards to American companies in Saudi Arabia from 9 percent of the work in 1975 to 6 percent in 1978 to 3 percent in 1979.

In contrast to the policies of other countries competing for this market, the United States is the only nation that taxes foreign earned income.

### Flat Exemption Allowed

While not completely eliminating U.S. tax liabilities, the 1981 bill gave expatriate workers the right to take a flat \$75,000 exemption from U.S. taxes on foreign income. In addition, it established a housing cost exclusion on all expenses in excess of \$6,350. The income exclusion will grow by \$5,000 a year until it reaches \$95,000 in 1986.

### Companies to Benefit

The major beneficiaries will be companies, and perhaps their workers, in the Middle East, where there is little or no income tax on foreigners and consequently the exclusion will function to shield income from U.S. taxation.

It will make relatively little difference in foreign countries that impose a high rate of taxation on U.S. citizens working there because the foreign tax can be used as a credit against U.S. tax liabilities and, in many cases, it would be against the interests of the taxpayer to elect to use the \$75,000 exclusion.

### No Benefits in Some

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Under the new law, this would mean, in most cases, that employees now able to benefit from the \$75,000 exclusion in low-tax countries would face a loss of compensation, while those in countries with higher tax rates than the United States would continue to get extra pay.

Using Dubai, a no-tax country, as an example, the Andersen firm has done a sample calculation showing the impact on a hypothetical executive with three dependents making \$100,000 a year.

Under the old law, the executive could take deductions of \$41,800 and \$4,000 in exemptions for himself and three dependents, for a taxable income of \$54,200 and a U.S. tax of \$16,626. Under the new law, the same executive can get a \$75,000 exclusion, a \$14,000 housing exclusion and \$4,000 for personal exemptions for a net taxable income of just \$7,000, on which the tax would be \$462.

Use of the exclusion is a choice to be made by the taxpayer, and using Germany as an example, the firm showed that the exclusion would be a disadvantageous in such a high tax country.

The same \$100,000-a-year executive using the exclusion would be able to reduce his U.S. tax to zero, but he would be able to achieve the same goal using the old law to credit taxes paid to Germany against his U.S. liability. By choosing to use the old law, however, the executive would also be able to get a \$27,155 foreign tax credit carry-forward to use against U.S. taxes on future foreign income, while the exclusion would reduce the credit to just \$4,488.

The 1981 law is the most recent chapter in what has been a series of major changes in foreign earned-income tax policy over the past six years.

Before 1976, Americans were allowed a \$20,000 exclusion if they met certain residence requirements of 17 out of 18 consecutive months. The excluded income came "off the top," in accountants' parlance, so that the remaining taxable income stayed in the lower rate brackets.

In 1976, however, both legislation and two tax court decisions significantly increased the liabilities of expatriate workers. The tax court ruled that many of the side benefits — housing allowances, meals, etc. — were subject to income tax if they failed to meet tight standards.

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The major beneficiaries will be companies, and perhaps their workers, in the Middle East, where there is little or no income tax on foreigners and consequently the exclusion will function to shield income from U.S. taxation.

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## Studies determine best plants, trees for use in arid, semi-arid locations

By John Newell

**LONDON (LPS)** — A new research unit, SEPARSAT (Survey of Economic Plants for Arid and Semi-Arid Tropics), financed by the British-based charity Oxfam, has been set up at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew in London to help the economies of the world's hot dry countries.

This unit, led by Dr. Gerald Wickens, will use the enormous resources and contacts of Kew over the next three years to draw up a world list of plants and trees of all kinds which are of potential economic value in the arid and semi-arid areas of the world.

It will also draw attention to the plants and trees which are most potentially valuable, whether as sources of food — though Dr. Wickens thinks that food plants are already mostly well researched — or as forage for cattle, for firewood, fencing, materials, soil cover to prevent erosion or other uses.

### Show Special Promise

The results of the research will be published at the end of the three years. Although the unit has only just been formally set up, Gerald Wickens has already picked out a number of plants and trees of special promise, including one which may provide a useful technique for helping to control schistosomiasis (bilharzia), one of the commonest of tropical parasitic diseases.

Nearly half the world's land area — 43 percent of it — is arid or semi-arid, including most of Mexico and California, the western coast of the South American continent, the Chaco and the Bahia region of Brazil, the Sahel, Northern Kenya, Somalia, the Kalahari, Botswana and parts of Angola, much of the Middle East and India, and most of Australia.

The disastrous droughts in the Sahel belt south of the Sahara in recent years have focused attention on such area and on shortages not only of human food crops but also, and often more seriously, of forage for cattle, firewood for heating and cooking, and trees and plants that can provide soil cover to check erosion. These have become growing problems in the Sahel and several other areas.

Often there are great opportunities for improvement by introducing plants from one part of the world into another. In many arid areas the flora is impoverished and specialized, with many ecological niches — habitats where well adapted plants and trees could flourish — left unfilled, either by



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### Could Transform Economies

So species identified as valuable, whether for human or cattle food or to provide firewood or fencing or soil cover, in one part of the world, could transform the economy in another. Those who have studied the problems of the arid areas agree that the biggest single problem is lack of knowledge of the potential uses of the vast numbers of species of trees and plants adapted to life in such conditions.

This is why Oxfam, looking for the most cost effective means of helping the economies of arid areas, decided to finance a unit at Kew. The Royal Botanic Gardens there have certainly the most widely representative and probably the largest collection of plant specimens in the world — the only possible rival is the botanic garden at Leningrad, in the Soviet Union, which is less representative.

The five million or so specimens at Kew, collected over the past 100 years, are being added to at a rate of several thousands a year by professional and amateur botanists from all over the world.

### Great Wealth Of Knowledge

Kew also has one of the world's largest and most comprehensive botanical libraries

## Birth defects, worker deaths are frequent

## Infamous for pollution, Cubatao becoming worse

By Oliver Waters

said. In 1978 one chemical factory was closed down after two workers died from poisoning.

But it was the discovery of abnormally high rates of deformities among the people of Cubatao which really gave the town its reputation.

"Today it's a national affair, an international affair, because we have been visited by newspaper and television men from the whole world, except the Iron Curtain countries," Caje said.

Town officials say there are accurate statistics of the deformities. But they vie with their critics in quoting horror stories — of babies born without limbs or organs, of rates of "natural" abortions several times above the average, of high incidence of diseases such as muscular dystrophy.

According to council Health Officer Alberto Pessso de Souza, the World Health Organization estimates that anencephalia should occur once in 5,000 births in a country

such as Brazil; Cubatao had 12 cases out of 3,000 births last year, he said. "It really is alarming."

Though few people seem to doubt the connection between the pollution and the high deformity rate, council officials insist that it has yet to be proven.

"I am the health authority of the municipality, so what I say I have to be able to prove in court because I have a legal responsibility," Pessso de Souza said.



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**After early problems****McEnroe coasts thru**

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 14 (AP) — Top-seeded John McEnroe marched into the final of the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships defeating defending champion and third-seeded Gene Mayer 7-5, 6-3 Saturday.

McEnroe takes on eighth-seeded South African Johan Kriek who was taken the full distance by the tournament's most surprising player, Buster Mottram of England 2-6, 6-1, 6-4. Though the Englishman looked like creating another upset—after beating second seed Eliot Teltscher in the quarterfinals—his semifinal opponent Kriek came back strongly in the second and third set to gain the final berth.

McEnroe, who has yet to lose a set in this week's tournament, grew stronger as the day's match grew longer. He attributed his early problems to a doubles match Friday night with partner Peter Fleming that lasted until midnight. As the scores indicate Mayer faded out after an early challenge.

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ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Feb. 14 (Agencies) — Michael Spinks retained his World Boxing Association light heavyweight title Saturday, pounding Mustapha Wasajja of Uganda into the ropes at 1:36 in the sixth round of their bout.

Spinks, 19-0, jolted Wasajja in the fourth and fifth rounds with solid right hooks to the face, creating a welt under his 6-foot opponent's left eye. Wasajja, 24-1-1, showed good hand speed and aggressiveness until the sixth round of the scheduled 15-round bout. But he had a four-inch reach disadvantage and could not land any blows that appeared to hurt the champion.

Wasajja, 175 pounds (80 kg), appeared most effective in the second round, when he began boxing with caution after a quick charge to the inside that seemed to offset Spinks' timing. But by the next round, Spinks effectively blocked Wasajja's rushes.

It was Spinks' second defense of the title he won July 18, 1981, by defeating Eddie Mustafa Muhammed. Spinks, 25, and Wasajja, 28, had never seen each other fight before. "With a guy with a little punch, you tend to relax a little. It's kind of dangerous to fight a guy like that," Spinks said before the fight.

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**arabnews Sports****WBC chief won't quit**

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 14 (R) — World Boxing Council President Jose Sulaiman, charged with illegal possession of valuable archeological artifacts, said Friday he had no intention of resigning voluntarily.

But he said he would quit if members of the Council executive committee demanded his resignation or if his continued presence threatened the organization's unity. At a press conference he repeatedly denied that he planned to smuggle the artifacts out of Mexico.

He was detained by police Tuesday and formally charged Thursday with illegal possession of some 5,000 artifacts valued by some newspapers here at \$200 million.

**Potter prevails**

Top seed Martina Navratilova of the U.S. breezed into the final of the Women's Grand Prix Tennis Tournament in Kansas City Saturday with a 6-2, 6-2 win over compatriot Mary Lou Piatek.

Her opponent in the final will be another exponent of the serve and volley game, Barbara Potter. She beat the only non-American left in the tournament, Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 in the other semifinal.

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with the No. 1 contender. "I know nothing about him except his name and that he is left-handed."

Champion Michael Spinks' crunching rights to the face thwarted Mustapha Wasajja's bid for the title, the challenger's personal physician says. In the dressing room, the defeated Ugandan spoke of the two big punches he took to his cheekbone, said Dr. Jorgen Hudson, a member of the Danish Boxing Commission who has been with Wasajja since the fighter turned pro in 1977.

Referee Tony Perez stopped the scheduled 15-round fight at 1:36 of the sixth round after Wasajja, battered about the head, dropped his hands and slumped against the ropes. Spinks set up the sixth round assault with solid rights to the head seconds earlier, punches he also used effectively in the fourth and fifth rounds.

The previously unbeaten Wasajja, who built his career in Denmark, had a glazed look as he lay helplessly on the ropes, but he was fully conscious when the fight ended and walked from the ring. He was admitted to a local hospital on the recommendation of the New Jersey Boxing Commission.

At the end of the fight, Spinks was ahead

on every judge's card. Caesar Ramos of Puerto Rico put Spinks ahead 50-46; Humberto Figueroa of Panama had it 50-46 and Waldemar Schmidt of Puerto Rico scored the fight 50-45.

**Arguello defends title**

Meanwhile, Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua Saturday made the third successful defense of his World Boxing Council lightweight title, when he stopped American James "Bubba" Busceme in two minutes and 35 seconds of the sixth round in Beaumont, Texas.

Arguello rocked Busceme with a left hook late in the sixth round and followed up with a hard shot to the body. The Nicaraguan, who now lives in Coral Gables, Florida, quickly moved in and connected with a right cross to the head. Busceme, stunned, turned and staggered back toward his corner. Referee Octavio Mayron then signalled an end to the bout. There were no knockdowns.

It was the 18th consecutive title fight that Arguello, 30, has won in three different weight divisions. His record is now 74-4 with 60 knockouts. Busceme is 27-4. Arguello was slightly ahead on the cards of all three judges and the referee going into the sixth round. "Busceme was a good fighter with a lot of heart," Arguello said later.

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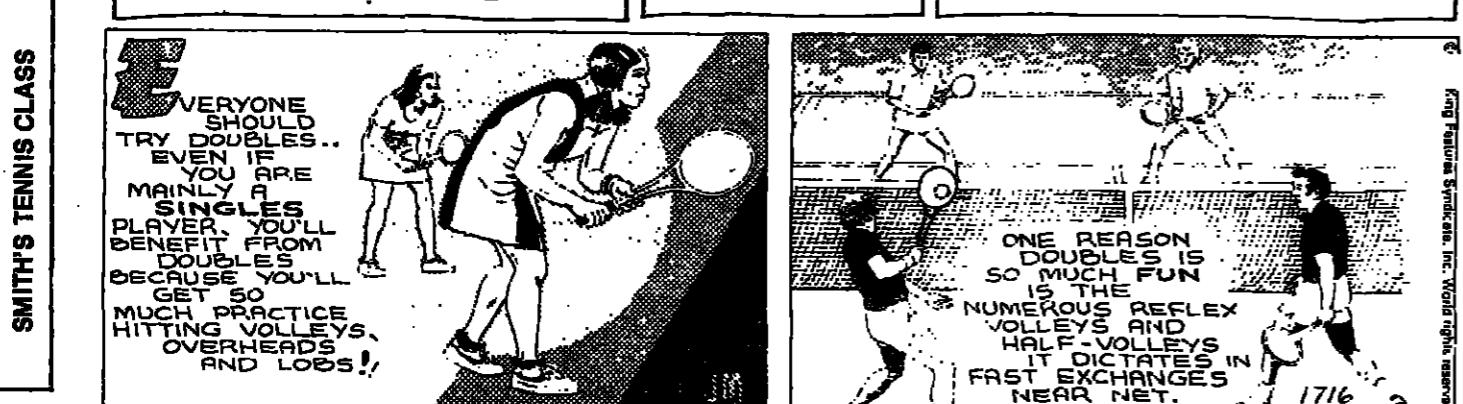
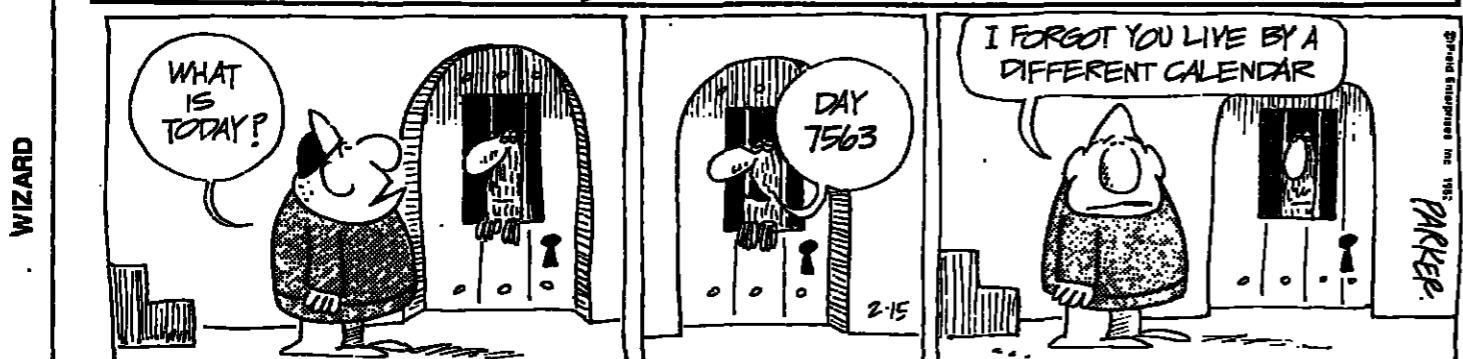
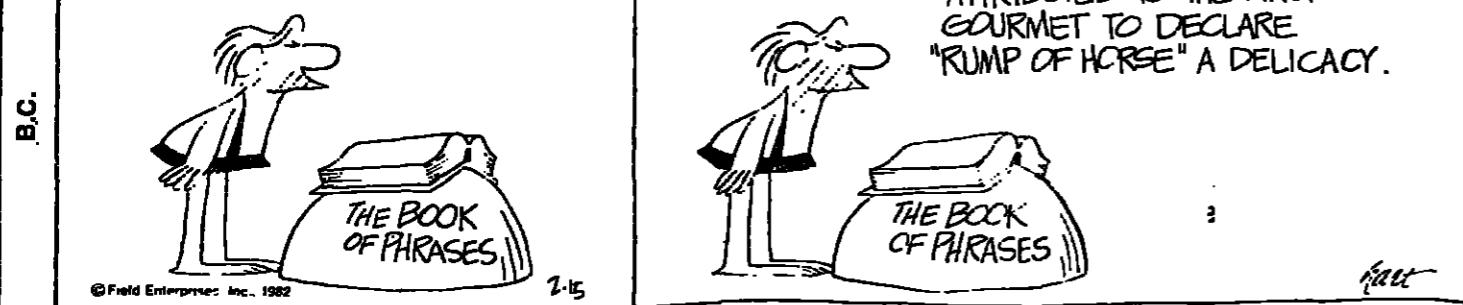
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## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake



FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1982

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) If you don't discuss money or investments in dealing with friends, your social life will proceed smoothly. Sociability abets career.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Love, sociability and friendship make for happiness, but an intimate problem may require special handling. Home life is stable.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Domestic life is favored, and you'll be able to straighten out difficulties with

get ahead now. Normal channels will provide you the opportunity to better your career status.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Despite some job tension, you'll come out ahead with improved prospects for financial gain. Make time for needed relaxation.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Shop for the home or invite others to visit. If you decide to dine out, watch expenditures. Common sense should win out over flights of fancy.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Seek bargains on tape decks, stereos, or musical instruments. Local visits have romantic overtones. Write long-overdue letters.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Catch up with uncompleted

a close tie. Be ready for a heart-to-heart talk.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Despite some job tension, you'll come out ahead with improved prospects for financial gain. Make time for needed relaxation.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Social life has much going for it now, but a money question still could be sticky. New career prospects fill you with anticipation.

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tasks before socializing with others. Rectify a situation which rumor or gossip has rendered confused.

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### TV Programs

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| <b>SAUDI ARABIA</b>        | 7:25 Duchess of the Duke                               | 2:10 Religious Talk                 |
| — Quran                    | 8:25 Wrestling   | 2:20 Cartoons                       |
| — Program Preview          | 9:35 Tomorrow's Programs                               | 2:30 Golden Falcon (Arabic Concert) |
| 4:15 Modern Mathematics    | 10:45 Feature Film                                     | 2:40 Saturday                       |
| 4:45 Children's Program    | 11:30 Arabic News                                      | 2:50 Sunday                         |
| 5:15 Cartoons              | 12:30 Disney's Lesson Book 2                           | 3:00 Monday                         |
| 7:15 Min Al-Badaya         | 1:00 Disney's Chip                                     | 3:10 Tuesday                        |
| 7:45 English News          | 1:30 Disney's Song                                     | 3:20 Wednesday                      |
| English Soap               | 2:00 Disney's Grandmama and the Citizen — Our commands | 3:30 Thursday                       |
| 8:00 The United World      | 2:30 Daily Arabic Series                               | 3:40 Friday                         |
| 8:30 Quran                 | 3:00 Children's Songs                                  | 3:50 Saturday                       |
| 9:00 Arabic News           | 3:30 Family Papers                                     | 4:00 Sunday                         |
| — Program Preview          | 7:30 Local News  | 4:10 Monday                         |
| — Daily Series             | 8:00 Trapper John M.D.                                 | 4:20 Tuesday                        |
| — Saudi Songs              | 8:30 American Movie                                    | 4:30 Wednesday                      |
| — Wrestling                | 9:00 World News  | 4:40 Thursday                       |
| — Cleopatra                | 10:30 Program Preview, Songs                           | 4:50 Friday                         |
| <b>Bahrain Channel 4</b>   | 11:00 Wrestling  | 5:00 Saturday                       |
| 4:00 Quran                 | 11:30 English Feature                                  | 5:10 Sunday                         |
| — Religious Talk           | 12:00 Cleopatra  | 5:20 Monday                         |
| 4:30 Cartoons              | 1:00 Quran   | 5:30 Tuesday                        |
| 5:00 Children's Series     | 1:30 English News                                      | 5:40 Wednesday                      |
| 6:00 Dusty's Trail         | 2:00 Quran   | 5:50 Thursday                       |
| 6:30 Target the Impossible | 2:30 Just William                                      | 6:00 Friday                         |
| 7:00 English News          | 3:00 Documentary                                       | 6:10 Saturday                       |
| 7:30 Arabic Series         | 3:30 American Movie                                    | 6:20 Sunday                         |
| 8:00 Local News            | 4:00 Lucy's New Door (Vic Versa)                       | 6:30 Monday                         |
| 8:30 Local Musical Program | 4:30 Trapper John M.D.                                 | 6:40 Tuesday                        |
| 9:00 Tomorrow's Programs   | 5:00 Feathered Father                                  | 6:50 Wednesday                      |
| 10:00 Arabic News          | 5:30 In Town (Interviews)                              | 7:00 Thursday                       |
| 10:30 Arabic Series        | 6:00 Feature Film                                      | 7:10 Friday                         |
| 11:00 English News         | 12:00 Cleopatra  | 7:20 Saturday                       |
| 11:30 Quran                | 1:00 Quran   | 7:30 Sunday                         |
| <b>DUBAI Channel 10</b>    | 1:30 English Feature                                   | 7:40 Monday                         |
| 4:00 Holy Quran            | 2:00 Cleopatra   | 7:50 Tuesday                        |
| 5:00 Caravans              | 2:30 English News                                      | 8:00 Wednesday                      |
| 6:00 Quran                 | 3:00 Quran   | 8:10 Thursday                       |
| 6:30 Arabic News           | 3:30 English News                                      | 8:20 Friday                         |
| 7:00 Tomorrow's Programs   | 4:00 Quran   | 8:30 Saturday                       |
| 7:30 Arabic Series         | 4:30 Cleopatra   | 8:40 Sunday                         |
| 8:00 Quran                 | 5:00 English News                                      | 8:50 Monday                         |
| 8:30 Quran                 | 5:30 Cleopatra   | 8:55 Tuesday                        |
| 9:00 Quran                 | 6:00 English News                                      | 9:00 Wednesday                      |
| 9:30 Quran                 | 6:30 Cleopatra   | 9:10 Thursday                       |
| 10:00 Quran                | 7:00 English News                                      | 9:20 Friday                         |
| 10:30 Quran                | 7:30 Cleopatra   | 9:30 Saturday                       |
| <b>DUBAI Channel 33</b>    | 8:00 English News                                      | 9:40 Sunday                         |
| 11:00 Quran                | 8:30 English News                                      | 9:50 Monday                         |
| 11:30 Quran                | 9:00 English News                                      | 10:00 Tuesday                       |
| 12:00 Quran                | 9:30 English News                                      | 10:10 Wednesday                     |
| 12:30 Quran                | 10:00 English News                                     | 10:20 Thursday                      |
| 1:00 Quran                 | 10:30 English News                                     | 10:30 Friday                        |
| 1:30 Quran                 | 11:00 English News                                     | 10:40 Saturday                      |
| 2:00 Quran                 | 11:30 English News                                     | 10:50 Sunday                        |
| <b>RAS AL-KHAIMAH</b>      | 12:00 Quran  | 11:00 Monday                        |
| — Quran                    | 1:00 Quran   | 11:30 Tuesday                       |
| — Program Preview          | 1:30 Quran   | 12:00 Wednesday                     |
| — Daily Series             | 2:00 Quran   | 12:30 Thursday                      |
| — Saudi Songs              | 2:30 Quran   | 1:00 Friday                         |
| — Wrestling                | 3:00 Quran   | 1:30 Saturday                       |
| — Cleopatra                | 3:30 Quran   | 2:00 Sunday                         |
| <b>KUWAIT Channel 2</b>    | 4:00 Quran   | 2:30 Monday                         |
| 7:00 Quran                 | 4:30 Quran   | 3:00 Tuesday                        |
| 7:30 Cartoons              | 5:00 Quran   | 3:30 Wednesday                      |
| 8:00 Quran                 | 5:30 Quran   | 4:00 Thursday                       |
| 8:30 Quran                 | 6:00 Quran   | 4:30 Friday                         |
| 9:00 Quran                 | 6:30 Quran   | 5:00 Saturday                       |
| 9:30 Quran                 | 7:00 Quran   | 5:30 Sunday                         |
| <b>Oman</b>                | 10:00 Quran  | 6:00 Monday                         |
| — Quran                    | 10:30 Quran  | 6:30 Tuesday                        |
| <b>Radio Programs</b>      | 11:00 Quran  | 7:00 Wednesday                      |
| <b>Radio Jeddah</b>        | 12:00 Quran  | 7:30 Thursday                       |
| Afternoon Transmission     | 1:00 Quran   | 8:00 Friday                         |
| 7:00 Monday                | 1:30 Quran   | 8:30 Saturday                       |
| 8:00 Quran                 | 2:00 Quran   | 9:00 Sunday                         |
| Program Review             | 2:30 Quran   | 9:30 Monday                         |
| — Gems of Guidance         | 3:00 Quran   | 10:00 Tuesday                       |
| 4:00 Light Music           | 3:30 Quran   | 10:30 Wednesday                     |
| 5:00 Light Music           | 4:00 Quran   | 11:00 Thursday                      |
| 6:00 Light Music           | 4:30 Quran   | 11:30 Friday                        |
| 7:00 Light Music           | 5:00 Quran   | 12:00 Saturday                      |
| 8:00 Light Music           | 5:30 Quran   | 1:00 Sunday                         |
| 9:00 Light Music           | 6:00 Quran   | 2:00 Monday                         |
| 10:00 Light Music          | 6:30 Quran   | 2:30 Tuesday                        |
| 11:00 Light Music          | 7:00 Quran   | 3:00 Wednesday                      |
| 12:00 Light Music          | 7:30 Quran   | 3:30 Thursday                       |
| <b>Radio Riyadh</b>        | 8:00 Quran   | 4:00 Friday                         |
| 7:00 Monday                | 8:30 Quran   | 4:30 Saturday                       |
| 8:00 Quran                 | 9:00 Quran   | 5:00 Sunday                         |
| 9:00 Quran                 | 9:30 Quran   | 5:30 Monday                         |
| 10:00 Quran                | 10:00 Quran  | 6:00 Tuesday                        |
| 11:00 Quran                | 10:30 Quran  | 6:30 Wednesday                      |
| 12:00 Quran                | 11:00 Quran  | 7:00 Thursday                       |
| <b>Francophone Langue</b>  | 12:00 Quran  | 7:30 Friday                         |
| Longueurs d'ordres:        | 13:00 Quran  | 8:00 Saturday                       |
| — FM 98 Vespaclub          | 14:00 Vespaclub  | 8:30 Sunday                         |
| — Onde Carioca 11:355      | 15:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 8:50 Monday                         |
| — Onde Venezuela 14:055    | 16:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 9:00 Tuesday                        |
| — Onde Venezuela 14:485    | 17:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 9:10 Wednesday                      |
| — Onde Venezuela 15:000    | 18:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 9:20 Thursday                       |
| — Onde Venezuela 15:150    | 19:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 9:30 Friday                         |
| — Onde Venezuela 15:300    | 20:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 9:40 Saturday                       |
| — Onde Venezuela 15:450    | 21:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 9:50 Sunday                         |
| — Onde Venezuela 16:000    | 22:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 10:00 Monday                        |
| — Onde Venezuela 16:150    | 23:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 10:10 Tuesday                       |
| — Onde Venezuela 16:300    | 24:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 10:20 Wednesday                     |
| — Onde Venezuela 16:450    | 25:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 10:30 Thursday                      |
| — Onde Venezuela 17:000    | 26:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 10:40 Friday                        |
| — Onde Venezuela 17:150    | 27:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 10:50 Saturday                      |
| — Onde Venezuela 17:300    | 28:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 11:00 Sunday                        |
| — Onde Venezuela 17:450    | 29:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 11:10 Monday                        |
| — Onde Venezuela 18:000    | 30:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 11:20 Tuesday                       |
| — Onde Venezuela 18:150    | 31:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 11:30 Wednesday                     |
| — Onde Venezuela 18:300    | 32:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 11:40 Thursday                      |
| — Onde Venezuela 18:450    | 33:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 11:50 Friday                        |
| — Onde Venezuela 19:000    | 34:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 12:00 Saturday                      |
| — Onde Venezuela 19:150    | 35:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 12:10 Sunday                        |
| — Onde Venezuela 19:300    | 36:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 12:20 Monday                        |
| — Onde Venezuela 19:450    | 37:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 12:30 Tuesday                       |
| — Onde Venezuela 20:000    | 38:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 12:40 Wednesday                     |
| — Onde Venezuela 20:150    | 39:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 12:50 Thursday                      |
| — Onde Venezuela 20:300    | 40:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 13:00 Friday                        |
| — Onde Venezuela 20:450    | 41:00 Vespaclub dans la bande des 20m.                 | 13:10 Saturday                      |
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**Commander puts 4 percent target**

## Hike in NATO defense urged

MUNICH, West Germany Feb. 14 (AP) — U.S. Gen. William Rodgers, supreme commander of allied forces in Europe, Sunday called on NATO allies to raise defense spending four percent a year in real terms to counter the "worrying weakness" of the West against Soviet military might.

Rodgers told a meeting of some 150 NATO officials and defense experts, that NATO's conventional forces must be strengthened. To do this, America and its European allies must increase defense spending, Rodgers said.

Asked if this meant that the 3 percent real annual increase agreed by NATO members in 1978 was not enough to meet the challenge, Rodgers called for a 4 percent target.

Rodgers' plea for more spending on defense came a day after U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger told the Munich

gathering that European allies must raise defense spending to avoid nurturing "latent isolationism" in the United States.

Weinberger said it would be a "great tragedy" if isolationists got the upper hand in Washington. But they would be encouraged, he warned, if Americans did not see the Europeans shouldering their fair share of the defense burden.

Addressing discord in the Western alliance, NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns warned the West against matching the chaos in the Soviet block caused by the Polish crisis with chaos of its own. "Nothing works in the Warsaw Pact," Luns said.

Luns said the Polish crisis had had a "healing effect" on West European peace movements opposing the planned deployment of U.S. missiles in Europe from late 1983 to counter Soviet SS20 missiles pointed at Western Europe. The movement's protest

had been muted since the martial law crackdown in Poland last Dec. 13, Luns said.

Addressing the "increasing anti-nuclear and anti-American feelings" in the Western alliance, British Aviation Minister Geoffrey Patten Warned NATO governments could draw only "slight comfort" from "the fact that the enemies of the present alliance strategy are in the minority."

He said the rapid growth of the peace movement was at least partly the result of Soviet propaganda, but that the main blame lay with allied governments who had failed to outline their defense strategy to the public.

West German Defense Minister Hans Apel, who faces a strong peace movement at home, had made a similar plea Saturday, saying governments should spell out that "nuclear weapons are political weapons... that nuclear weaponry in Europe has secured peace..."

## International

### Zia pledges to hold poll

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 14 (R) — President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq said Sunday that his military government remained committed to holding elections in Pakistan but that the climate was not yet suitable for a vote. He told newsmen that his cabinet had decided last Wednesday to continue a 28-month-old ban on politics so that politicians "should not create uncertainty."

President Zia, who came to power four and a half years ago, said: "We will hold the elections and have no intention of not doing so." Gen. Zia has twice postponed elections, the last time in October 1979 when he banned all political parties in the country and imposed press censorship.

Gen. Zia said one major task of his government had been to "create a sanity in politics." He asked the press to "guide the people's mind to the right direction."

### EEC officials to meet today

BRUSSELS, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Finance Ministers of the 10 Common Market countries meet here Monday to discuss the possibilities of expanding the European monetary system as American interest rates and the dollar go up. They will submit their findings on how to eventually create monetary unity within the European Economic Community (EEC) to the Common Market Summit scheduled to meet here late next month.

Financial experts here believe greater unity would depend primarily on the European Currency Unit (ECU) playing a greater role in the currency exchange market, central bank and loan transactions. Other factors for making the three-year-old system more efficient would include a more harmonious economic policy between member states and a common stand vis-a-vis other non-EEC currencies, and primarily the dollar, they said.

The ten all condemn the United States' decision to limit investments in Europe, which would keep unemployment at above 10 millions but did not say what their common stand against Washington should be. Belgian Finance Minister Willy de Clercq, who will chair the finance ministers' council until the end of June, said he would give priority to cooperation with the United States on the dollar's exchange and interest rates.

### Big cat mauls boy at car show

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 14 (AP) — A 9-year-old boy mauled by a cougar advertising Lincoln-Mercury cars was in stable condition Sunday while an animal trainer faced charges of assaulting an officer who killed the big cat.

The cougar attacked the youth Saturday during a car show at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Arthur Banze, an off-duty police officer in the crowd, shot and killed the 130-pound (59 kg) cat as its owner, Bob Steele, struggled to get the animal to release its grip on the boy.

The child, James Seal of Pittsburgh, was taken to Allegheny General Hospital with what officials described as a "mauling type injury." Hospital spokesman John Sacuto said Sunday the youngster's condition had stabilized after three hours surgery to repair cuts and damage to an artery that leads to the brain.

"The cougar just pounced on the kid, got him by the neck," said Donald Roman, a concession stand operator at the show. "You could see the blood. It was terrible."

Dawn Stader, an animal trainer who was with the cougar, was arrested after she allegedly swore at Banze and kicked him in the groin when he shot the animal, police said. Charges of aggravated assault, terroristic threats, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest were filed against Miss Stader, police said.

### Stateless main issue

### India, Sri Lanka seek cordial ties

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (PTI) — Indian President Sanjiva Reddy's four-day visit to Sri Lanka recently—at the invitation of President J.R. Jayewardene was timed as to enable India's head of state to attend Sri Lanka's National Day celebrations and carry India's greetings and good wishes on the occasion.

Earlier, in 1978 and 1979, Home Minister Charan Singh and Prime Minister Morarji Desai had represented India at Sri Lanka's National Day celebrations. This looks like a record of warm cordiality and mutual esteem. Indeed, during the last 30-odd years, as now, Indo-Sri Lanka relationship has been marked by a sort of ambivalence—an alternation between warmth, goodwill and cooperation on the one hand, and fear, suspicion and political and territorial disputes on the other.

After India and Sri Lanka (earlier called Ceylon) attained independence during 1947-48 and together became members of the Commonwealth, some problems surfaced between them immediately. For one thing, independent India, under Jawaharlal Nehru's leadership, had opted for the policy of nonalignment from the outset, but Sri Lanka's early policy had a pro-West orientation. Moreover, the presence of about a million people (mostly Tamils) of Indian origin in Sri Lanka, settled largely in the northern and eastern parts of the island.

The first major breakthrough in this process, however, was the Sastri-Sirimavo Pact signed on Oct. 30, 1964 at New Delhi by the then Prime Ministers of India and Sri Lanka — Lal Bahadur Shastri and Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike. The Pact stipulated that, over a 15-year period, the Indian and Sri Lanka governments, together, would confer citizenship on 8,25,000 out of a total of 9,75,000 stateless persons. The detailed formula envisaged the repatriation (to India) of 5,25,000 persons and the absorption of 3,00,000 persons as Sri Lanka citizens. The case of the remaining 1,50,000 stateless persons was to be negotiated later.

However, the process of implementation of the agreement has been rather slow due chiefly to administrative delays in clearing papers and settling financial claims. Subsequently some more problems have come in the way of speedy implementation of the agreement. However both the governments are keen on settling the issue amicably.

### GLOBAL LEATHER

|              | Min | Max |    | Min | Max    |
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|              | C   | F   |    | C   | F      |
| Amsterdam    | 3   | 37  | 11 | 52  | cloudy |
| Athens       | 4   | 39  | 15 | 59  | clear  |
| Bangkok      | 25  | 77  | 33 | 91  | clear  |
| Beirut       | 6   | 43  | 14 | 57  | cloudy |
| Berlin       | -1  | 30  | 4  | 39  | clear  |
| Brussels     | 7   | 44  | 12 | 53  | clear  |
| Buenos Aires | 18  | 64  | 29 | 84  | rain   |
| Cairo        | 8   | 46  | 17 | 63  | clear  |
| Ceracass     | 19  | 66  | 27 | 81  | cloudy |
| Chicago      | -16 | 3   | -4 | 25  | cloudy |
| Copenhagen   | 1   | 34  | 3  | 37  | cloudy |
| Dublin       | 4   | 39  | 11 | 52  | clear  |
| Frankfurt    | -2  | 28  | 11 | 52  | clear  |
| Geneva       | -2  | 28  | 12 | 54  | rain   |
| Helenski     | -1  | 30  | 1  | 34  | cloudy |
| Hong Kong    | 11  | 52  | 13 | 55  | cloudy |
| Jakarta      | 23  | 73  | 31 | 88  | rain   |
| Kuala Lumpur | 23  | 73  | 32 | 90  | cloudy |
| London       | 5   | 41  | 9  | 48  | cloudy |
| Los Angeles  | 12  | 54  | 23 | 73  | cloudy |

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|                | C   | F   |    | C   | F      |
| Madrid         | 3   | 37  | 10 | 50  | clear  |
| Manila         | 22  | 72  | 31 | 88  | cloudy |
| Miami          | 21  | 70  | 31 | 88  | cloudy |
| Montreal       | -14 | 10  | -6 | 21  | cloudy |
| Moscow         | -4  | 25  | 10 | 32  | cloudy |
| New Delhi      | 11  | 51  | 22 | 71  | cloudy |
| New York       | -1  | 30  | 1  | 34  | cloudy |
| Oslo           | -2  | 28  | -1 | 30  | cloudy |
| Paris          | 3   | 37  | 11 | 52  | cloudy |
| Rio de Janeiro | 29  | 84  | 38 | 100 | cloudy |
| Rome           | 7   | 45  | 15 | 59  | clear  |
| San Francisco  | 11  | 52  | 15 | 59  | cloudy |
| Seoul          | -4  | 25  | 7  | 45  | clear  |
| Singapore      | 25  | 77  | 33 | 91  | cloudy |
| Stockholm      | -2  | 28  | 2  | 36  | clear  |
| Sydney         | 20  | 68  | 27 | 81  | clear  |
| Taipei         | 13  | 55  | 16 | 61  | rain   |
| Tokyo          | 2   | 36  | 10 | 50  | clear  |
| Toronto        | -8  | 18  | -3 | 27  | fog    |
| Vancouver      | 4   | 39  | 7  | 45  | rain   |
| Vienna         | -2  | 28  | -1 | 30  | cloudy |

## U.S. attitude criticized

### Kremlin endorses Polish martial law

MOSCOW, Feb. 14 (Agencies) — Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov was Sunday quoted as saying Moscow had a vital interest in the reestablishment of normal life in Poland and was giving its ally considerably economic aid.

In an interview with the Japanese newspaper *Asahi*, released here by the official Tass news agency, Tikhonov gave the Kremlin's unambiguous backing to the imposition of martial law in Poland.

He said the rapid growth of the peace movement was at least partly the result of Soviet propaganda, but that the main blame lay with allied governments who had failed to outline their defense strategy to the public.

West German Defense Minister Hans Apel, who faces a strong peace movement at home, had made a similar plea Saturday, saying governments should spell out that "nuclear weapons are political weapons... that nuclear weaponry in Europe has secured peace..."

It will step in to guarantee their debts. Western economic analysts said they believed that the Soviet Union, despite its immense resources, would have great difficulty in finding enough Western currency at the moment to give the Poles extra help.

Meanwhile, Polish Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski was Sunday reported to have said the martial law would last for a long time, not a month or two.

Speaking to Polish Communist party officials at the end of December, the West German weekly *Der Spiegel* said he also said the church in Poland now accepted that the country could not return to the situation in August 1980 when the now-suspended trade union Solidarity was founded. But the church still wanted to reestablish the situation of last December, which was "impossible," he declared.

Rakowski dismissed Solidarity leader Lech Wałęski as a complete idiot.

### Television shows spy trial

WARSAW, Feb. 14 (AFP) — A 25-year prison term handed to a former Polish Foreign Ministry official Saturday ended one of the country's most dramatic spy trials in recent years. Twenty minutes of the final session of the four-day trial were shown on television — Poland's Saturday night answer to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's recent televised special, "Let Poland be Poland."

The camera scanned the Warsaw military court. The prosecutor, like the judges, was in uniform with the three stars and two stripes of a colonel's rank. As he requested on the death sentence, the camera zoomed on the accused who, unmoving, kept his eyes on the floor.

Bogdan Wałęski, an international law specialist, was found guilty of spying for the United States. The charges said he was recruited by the CIA in Saigon while working as an interpreter. For close to 20 years, he supplied intelligence on "the socio-political and economic situation of Poland and its allies."

In addition to his jail term, his possessions were confiscated and his civil rights suspended for 10 years. It was the heaviest judgement since Adam Kaczmarzyk, a civilian employee of the Defense Ministry, was handed the death sentence in 1968. Wałęski was arrested March 18, 1981. Said to be near 50, he looked ten years older. After 11 months detention and the

humiliation of a televised trial, he was clearly a broken man.

The court quoted him as saying he turned to spying for "adventure" and "profit." But the irony is that he earned only \$29,000, 192,000 zlotys, for his efforts — about \$120 a month. His lawyer, Maciej Dubois, argued that though the information Wałęski supplied the CIA was "detrimental," it did not directly threaten Poland's security or defense.

He noted that Wałęski had never been at the top of the Foreign Ministry hierarchy. After Vietnam, he moved on to posts as second secretary in the Polish representation to the United Nations and later as assistant director of the Warsaw Institute of International Affairs.

His lawyer quoted him as saying he insisted his CIA contacts during his last mission as first secretary of the Polish Embassy in Moscow, deciding not to hand over information of certain interest to the United States.

Wałęski was visibly shaken when asked if he had any final statement. "I am an old man who has lived a nightmare," he said fighting back tears. I realize the punishment waiting for me. What I have done was not out of hate for my country. I ask the court to